

Government plans over 40 Bills with pledge for reflationary Budget

Parliament opened yesterday with the Queen's Speech containing affirmations or hints of about 26 Bills. In fact, our Political Editor writes, more than 40 government Bills are planned.

nationalization and oil exploration. Much hangs on the Budget on November 12. It will be reflationary and efforts will be made to improve company liquidity and profitability and encourage investment.

commentator in the Lords Chamber during yesterday's state opening ceremony. The Government proposes to pay £217.8m in compensation to the British Gas Corporation, the Central Electricity Generating Board and area boards to cover deficits incurred by price restraint.

Wealth tax will be referred to select committee

By David Wood Political Editor

The new Parliament opened yesterday in the Commons with Mr Heath, the Conservative leader on probation, made a strong speech and was rewarded by virtual silence from the massed backbenchers behind him.

Two Scottish Bills dealing with oil are planned for November: the first will create a Scottish Development Agency, and the other will provide for oil sites.



The Prime Minister and his senior colleagues awaiting the Queen's summons to the House of Lords yesterday (another photograph, page 12).

Opposition peers to protest to BBC about noise of radio commentator in House

By Our Political Correspondent

Lord Carrington, leader of the Opposition peers, said last night that he would complain to the BBC about the noise caused by a radio commentator during the state opening of Parliament.

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Anthony Fell, Conservative MP for Yarmouth, who said the House had not been asked to approve the admission of television and press cameras.

One or two MPs who strongly favour televising the proceedings of the Commons, and who expect a motion to be tabled on the subject in a few weeks' time, said afterwards that the lights had been particularly dazzling.

The BBC said yesterday that the commentary box over the Strangers' Gallery in the Lords had been built for the BBC by the engineers of the Palace of Westminster, whose responsibility it had been to make it soundproof.

There appeared to have been consultations with party leaders, but ordinary MPs had not had a chance to express their views, he said.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Speaker, said he was entrusted with certain discretion and he had been put into a difficult position of having to take a decision for the House.

The same permission had been given as on two previous occasions. The whole blame was his and he accepted full responsibility.

Government to pay gas, electricity losses

By Our Political Staff

The Government proposes to pay £217.8m in compensation to the British Gas Corporation, the Central Electricity Generating Board and the area electricity boards in England and Wales to cover deficits they have incurred during 1973-74 because of the price restraint imposed on them.

Price increases by the nationalized boards, like those of other enterprises, are constrained by the Price Code, but the restraint imposed on the state industries is more severe than that applying to private-sector companies.

Parliamentary approval will be required for the orders authorizing the payments published yesterday. They are laid before Parliament under the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Act, 1974. Similar orders were laid yesterday to compensate the Scottish electricity boards and the Post Office.

It was characteristic of the day that Mr Wilson, with his Prime Minister's privilege of adding one or two major Bills to the list, safeguarded only that there would be legislation to outlaw hare coursing, apparently competitive and non-competitive.

If there is one thing that Mr Heath and the Prime Minister agreed on, by implication, it was that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget in a fortnight's time will be at least as important as anything promised in the Queen's speech. But naturally no details are offered.

Mr Healey's electioneering comment remains: the Budget will be reflationary, and measures will be taken to restore industrial confidence, to improve company liquidity and encourage investment, and to increase profitability.

No decision has been taken yet by the Cabinet on whether there should be a referendum or a general election to provide a sounding board for the public voice on the United Kingdom's membership of the EEC, but if legislation is necessary to provide for a referendum, in accordance with Labour's manifesto commitment, it will be presented next summer.

There is no decision to bring in legislation for the devolution of Westminster powers to Scotland or Wales during the present session. In fact, the Government's business managers have firmly set their face against haste after taking account of the complexities, and the Cabinet legislative committee has ruled out any possibility of early legislation. Two Bills may be necessary to cover Scotland and Wales, and they are not likely to be in final draft before next October.

Provisional plans for other Bills in the Queen's Speech are: a Bill on capital transfers; a Bill on tax will be referred to a select committee of the Commons. Legislation is required for food subsidies and consumer protection; Amendment of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act; a Bill to uprate social security payments will be introduced; and two measures to pro-

Arab leaders discuss huge fund to build up front line

The military effectiveness of the "front line" Arab powers—Egypt, Jordan, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation—will be discussed at a meeting in Rabat last night in build up a massive arms fund, much of it under this, Egypt and Syria will receive \$1,000m (£420m) each in the first year and

Jordan \$1,250m spread over four years, according to one source. The Syrians, worried that their flank in Israel might be exposed after the PLO's victory near Jordan, pressed the summit in which the Arab "front line" powers met into a combined military front. The conference sat until late. Page 6

No extra bodyguards for MPs

The Prime Minister and Home Secretary have called for urgent reports on the recent bomb attacks, but no extra police bodyguards will be assigned to MPs and their families.

Scotland Yard said that to detail more men as personal bodyguards would be totally impractical. The Metropolitan Police are 3,500 men below strength and a Scotland Yard officer said: "We just have to use the manpower to give blanket coverage." Page 2

Drivers return

Mass meetings of striking lorry drivers in Scotland agreed yesterday to go back to work and accept the settlement reached on Monday night between union officials and employers. The agreement gives the men most of what they asked for, including a basic £40 for a 40-hour week.

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Minister purged

The relatively liberal Spanish Minister of Information and Tourism was dismissed. Several other ministers are expected to lose their jobs. At a meeting in Madrid General Franco applauded a speech condemning democratic systems as "idiotic and suicidal".

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Dinar devalued

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Oil takes step to help on petrol

The Energy Correspondent says that the first step towards an increase of 10p a gallon on oil, it applied to the Price Commission for permission to raise prices.

Mr Nixon recovering from operation to control blood clot in his leg

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Oct 29

Mr Nixon, the former President, is recovering in a Los Angeles hospital from an operation performed on him this morning to deal with a blood clot in his left leg. The surgeon who performed it said afterwards: "Mr Nixon is doing well. He is in a stable condition in his room now, undergoing normal post-operative care and is somewhat sleepy."

the disease has worsened since his resignation in August. It causes clots in the blood vessels. A number of small blood clots were found in his lower left leg and another was discovered in a lung during an earlier stay in hospital. Mr Nixon was readmitted to the Long Beach Memorial Hospital, in a suburb of Los Angeles last week because he did not appear to be responding to treatment. He added that Mr Nixon would be kept in hospital for at least another week and would then require post-operative care at home for four or six weeks more.

Dutch siege prisoners demand an aircraft

From David Cross The Hague, Oct 29

An Arab terrorist, who hijacked and set fire to a British airliner last March, and three other prisoners tonight demanded a bus and an aircraft to take them to freedom from the chapel at Scheveningen prison, near The Hague, where they have been holding 16 hostages for the past three days. The new demands, which the Dutch authorities had been expecting throughout the day, also included a request that a second Arab hijacker should join them in their escape plan.

The new demands broke the deadlock in negotiations produced by the refusal of Mr Tamimah to join his friend, Adnan Ahmad Nuri, in the chapel last night. This was the only significant demand the prisoners had made before. The highlight of today's events at Scheveningen was the unexpected arrival of a former British Commando, Mr Tony Bliffo, from Huddersfield, who described himself as the principal of an organization called Special Aid Services, was allowed into the jail to speak to a police commissioner. The Dutch negotiating team was somewhat mystified by his appearance. Mr Bliffo refused to speak to journalists, but presumably he was offering his services to help the Dutch authorities in their negotiations. At one stage this afternoon it looked as though the siege might be coming to a swift conclusion. Mr Tamimah again asked to talk to Mr Nuri. But in a brief radio conversation Mr Nuri made it clear that he did not want to listen to any talk of giving himself up. More food and drink was set into the chapel during the day. The hostages are understood to be still bearing up well. This morning a request from Mr Nuri that a social worker should be allowed into the chapel to talk to him was refused by the authorities. They feared that the social worker might be forced by Mr Nuri and his friends to remain in the chapel as an additional hostage.

Clerical strike affects Mr Scanlon's union

Clerical staff at the London headquarters of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers struck yesterday over pay.

there would be no discussions until employees went back. Most of the women are members of the Association of Professional Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apecs). Mr William Knight, an Apecs spokesman, was asked if Mr Scanlon and his executive were good employers. "We should not go to all this trouble if he was," he replied. Before the abortive meeting, about a hundred pickets stood outside the offices in driving rain as the executive met. Mr Scanlon said the strikers had refused an additional £150 and weighing allowance on top of the present £52 a year. They are demanding £400.

£200,000 theft of paintings

Paris, Oct 29.—Paintings worth 2.4m francs (£200,000) including works by Renoir, Courbet and Pissarro, have been stolen from a private Paris gallery.—Reuter, Agence France-Presse.

Trawler boarded by Navy

A Bulgarian trawler, the Flamingo, was boarded yesterday by men from the Royal Navy fishery protection ship Soberton and escorted to Plymouth on suspicion of breaching fishery regulations.

change blast

topwearmouth telephone news. Sunderland, was asked by an explosion last night. It is believed that the mine was destroyed after a fire in the house next door.

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HOME NEWS

Manpower shortage precludes extra police bodyguards for MPs and their families

By Clive Borrell
Extra police bodyguards will not be assigned to protect MPs and their families after the bomb attack on the car of Mr Howell, Minister of State for Sport and Recreation, in Birmingham on Monday evening.

Neither the Prime Minister nor the Home Secretary has asked the police to increase security, although both have called for urgent reports on the recent bomb attacks.

Scotland Yard said: "To detail more men as personal bodyguards would be totally impracticable. We just have to give the manpower to give blanket coverage."

To give adequate protection round the clock to the 635 members of Parliament and their families and prominent members of the House of Lords might involve up to five thousand policemen in London and the Home Counties alone.

With the Metropolitan Police 5,500 below the established strength of 26,000, the strain on manpower would be such that criminal investigations and normal day-to-day duties would have to be ignored. At no time during the day or night are more than seven thousand officers on duty in London.

Scotland Yard said: "Mr Wilson and the Home Secretary know our problems and that is why they have not come to us with a specific demand to tighten security. The manpower shortage is such that they know we cannot do more than we are doing. If you like, we have come to a saturation point."

"Instead of reacting in the way the bombers would want us to—a massive show of strength on the streets—we have decided to increase our squads assigned to infiltrating these various

terrorist groups. They are trying to set a trap for us and the only way to hit back is to flush them out before they can do more harm."

Mr Leslie Male, chairman of the Police Federation, which represents more than 100,000 officers in England and Wales, said last night: "We are short of 20,000 men and women and unless there are more incentives to join the police force the situation will get worse. We are in the middle of negotiations and hope to agree a settlement by the beginning of next year."

The federation is fighting for an all-round increase in pay, not only to increase the pay to attract recruits on the present starting salary of £1,632 a year but also to give a financial incentive to experienced men to stay in the force.

Mr Clarence Cooksley, Chief Constable of Northumbria and chairman of the Association of Chief Constables, said that if the thin blue line finally broke it would mean an end to law and order in this country. He called for a realistic increase in basic pay to £2,000 a year, a policeman meant danger, with violence and demonstrations on the increase.

Plea for help: West Midlands police, faced with an unprecedented wave of urban warfare not seen in their area since the IRA bombings of 1938-39, yesterday appealed for "the help of every citizen" (Arthur Osman writes from Birmingham).

They are keeping an open mind about the people responsible for the bombings, which in three incidents in the past five days appear to indicate an anarchist group is at work rather than a "professional" IRA cell.

Mr Maurice Buck, assistant chief constable (crime), said: "While we are taking what action we think we can in relation to security for everybody it is obviously quite impossible

to protect people in a total way. "We appeal to everybody yet again and not just prominent people, to be prepared to take all reasonable and elementary precautions. I urge people most strongly not to be complacent and think that these indiscriminate bombings could not happen to them. We have had incidents involving two magistrates and a minister but somebody not so prominent could be singled out."

The bombings are taking on a more personalized and sinister aspect, and there is no doubt that if a person or group is determined enough in this country they will be able to get hold of explosives despite all the vigilance of the civil security forces."

It is known that about two months ago the police were told of a telephone call to a local newspaper from a group describing themselves as Red Flag 74, which claimed that it was about to establish itself in Birmingham with the intention of maintaining or killing certain prominent citizens. Mr Buck denied that inquiries were being directed to extremist or anarchist type groups among students at the city's two universities and polytechnic.

West Midlands police said last night that several telephone calls had been received at their stations claiming that Red Flag 74 had been responsible for the bomb attacks in Birmingham, but they are treating the calls with suspicion.

Mr Buck's statement about more sinister aspects to the bombings appeared to be supported by the successful explosion at Mr Howells' house, compared with the two attempts on magistrates' vehicles. The police fear that the failure of those two bombs may have resulted in the "recruiting" of someone with more knowledge and experience in the preparation of "anti-personnel" bombs.

Scots drivers jubilant at strike victory

From Ronald Faux Glasgow

The month-old unofficial strike by lorry drivers in Scotland ended yesterday when mass meetings voted to return to work. More than three thousand drivers in Glasgow cheered as the vote was taken to accept the agreement made on Monday night between employers and union officials with the help of government conciliation officers.

The package gave the men all they were demanding, and made only minor concessions to the employers. It was agreed after five sessions. According to shop stewards, the agreement has to be signed by every company, which might mean that some drivers involved in the dispute may not be working again until next Monday.

A spokesman said: "The forms have to be checked against a register of assenting companies. Work will not resume until that has been done. The full force of the union would be used against companies that had not signed the agreement and had failed to match its terms."

Drivers are clearly jubilant for the first time, they have succeeded in unifying what has always been a fragmented industry. The new deal gives the top-rated drivers a basic £40 for a 40-hour week, an extra week's holiday after one year's service and another week's holiday after four years' service. The status quo on mileage payments, which prevented early agreement, remains.

The men successfully rejected a demand by the employers that would have increased by 10 miles a day the basic mileage rate before drivers qualified for bonus payments.

Mr Alex Kitson, national executive officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said after the mass meeting in Glasgow that the vote to return to work had been overwhelming.

The deal is binding on "essential" members of the Road Haulage Association, whose negotiating team was led by Mr George Mackenzie. Scotland has about a thousand haulage firms, many of them operating with between five and seven vehicles. The large companies have agreed to the settlement. Mr Kitson said concessions had been made to the employers. The men had dropped their demand for a guaranteed 45-hour week.

About eight hundred drivers remain on unofficial strike over a pay claim and are to meet in Glasgow tomorrow. In the main dispute it is believed about eight thousand drivers throughout Scotland refused to work, with the result that several thousand people were thrown out of work because supplies dried up.

Conciliation service's first test

The crippling lorry drivers' strike was the first serious test of the Conciliation and Arbitration Service, the Government's new agency for seeking industrial peace.

Scotland has suffered three severe industrial crises in the past year and has recently been swept by a rash of unofficial stoppages. Relations between employers and men have seldom been sourer.

For about forty hours over the past few days conciliation officers have been carrying negotiation points and counter-suggestions between men and employers on separate floors of the conciliation department in Glasgow, absorbing the anger and resentment of both sides with resilience and patiently fashioning the formula for peace.

Scotland industry is now assessing the cost of the settlement. The employers say it may put up prices by a quarter and force many small businesses to the wall. Yesterday, Mr Hamish Grant, secretary of the Confederation of British Industry in Scotland, supported that view.

Queen's Speech outlines proposals for extending public ownership

By Our Political Staff

The Queen's Speech outlines a substantial programme of legislation on public ownership. Offshore oil and gas, development land, and the shipbuilding and aircraft industries will all be brought under public ownership and control to a greater or lesser degree. In addition, the National Enterprise Board will be established to serve as a holding company for existing government shareholdings in industry and to extend public ownership through the acquisition of industrial firms in manufacturing industry.

A petroleum Bill will be introduced to provide for state participation in oil exploration. The Secretary of State for Energy said in a report to Parliament in July that it was the Government's policy "for majority public participation in the production of future licences and for current licences to be renegotiated in order to provide for majority participation. That would be exercised through a British national oil corporation. The petroleum Bill will implement that policy declaration, and set up the corporation.

A separate Bill will take powers to bring into public ownership a limited number of buildings. The development value is realized by selling or by development. But those buying or selling property whose use is not to be changed are unlikely

to be affected. Owner-occupiers realizing development value on the sale of their houses, or up to a quarter of an acre of their gardens, will be exempt.

The Government published its proposals for bringing development land into public ownership in a White Paper on land in September. It outlined a permanent scheme requiring local authorities to acquire all land needed for private development in their areas for the next 10 years. No substantial development would then be permitted except on land owned by, or bought from, a public authority.

But this scheme will be implemented at once because of a shortage of skilled manpower. There will be a transitional period during which developers make planning applications on the existing basis, but local authorities have the opportunity to consider whether they wish to acquire the land before deciding upon any particular application.

There will be a new development land tax to replace the development gains charge introduced in this year's Finance Act. It will be charged on the increase in value realized by selling or by development. But those buying or selling property whose use is not to be changed are unlikely

to be affected. Owner-occupiers realizing development value on the sale of their houses, or up to a quarter of an acre of their gardens, will be exempt.

The Queen's Speech promises legislation to provide for planning agreements with large private companies and to set up the National Enterprise Board. That will have a variety of functions, including taking individual private companies into public ownership; but it will not have responsibility for running the shipbuilding and related industries. The Government believes that these should be conducted by a separate body set up for the purpose. The precise arrangements for taking the aircraft industry into public ownership are to be the subject of consultation.

There will be two Bills on industrial relations. The first will be a short one designed to reverse the changes in the trade unions and labour relations Act which the Conservatives introduced through the last Parliament. The second, the Employment Protection Bill, will be more far-reaching. It will give statutory authority to the new Conciliation and Arbitration Service, will give trade unions new rights to be consulted and informed, and is intended to protect the low-paid and poorly organized.

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Mr Heath prepares his Tory onslaught

By Our Political Staff

Mr Heath and other members of the Shadow Cabinet will meet today to decide on amendments they will propose to the Queen's speech. They seek to call attention to the Government's handling of the economic crisis and the defects, as they see them, in the social contract between the Government and the trade unions.

If the Government was relying on the social contract as a means of reducing the balance of payments deficit and maintaining social justice, Mr Heath said yesterday, the Opposition was entitled to ask what the contract involved.

How could employers be expected to join in such an arrangement when one of the Government's commitments was to embark on a programme of nationalization and state intervention through the National Enterprise Board?

He added that the Opposition would oppose any cut in defence spending, which would reduce the effective size of the armed forces. In the Commons today there will be a general debate led by Mr Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. The first Opposition spokesman will be Mr Buchanan-Smith, shadow Secretary of State for Scotland. It seems that the debate will concentrate on devolution for Scotland and Wales and on the resignation of Mr James Callaghan. Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland and Mr Prior, shadow Secretary of State for Employment, are also expected to speak.

Agriculture will be the main subject tomorrow and the Opposition spokesman will be Mr Pym and Mr Michael Jonling. Mr Geraint Howells, Liberal MP for Cardigan, will put the Liberal case, and the party will table an amendment to the Address.

The Conservatives are expected to divide the House on Monday on an amendment criticizing the Government's approach to the economic crisis.

The Scottish Nationalists yesterday criticized the Queen's Speech for its failure to mention public libraries. The Scottish Assembly would be set up or its likely powers. The Liberals gave notice that they have tabled an amendment deploring the absence from the speech of any proposal to examine the electoral system.

Mr Heath stands firm: Mr Heath dismissed last night the idea that Tory backbenchers had shown that they did not want him as party leader by their silence after his first speech in the new Commons yesterday (the Press Association reports).

Speaking on an independent television news at Ten programme, he said: "I am the leader of the Conservative Party and my job now is to organize the Opposition and I am getting on with the job."

Political adviser to Mr Short resigns his post

By Michael Hatfield Political Staff

Mr Terry Pitt, the outspoken former head of the Labour Party research department, has resigned as political adviser to Mr Short, Leader of the Commons. Mr Pitt, who went into the Civil Service in March and assisted Lord Crowthurst in formulating devolution policies, apparently could not face the prospect of being a civil servant for the next three or four years.

His aim is understood to be to continue working within the Labour movement, although there is no question of a return to Transport House.

Tankers ordered to leave polluted bay

Three giant oil tankers were ordered out of the oil-fouled Bantry Bay yesterday by the Irish Government. Mr Barry, Minister for Transport and Power, said he had been shocked while flying over the bay at the risk of collision between them.

Two ships, the 325,000-ton Universe Ireland and the 238,000-ton Atlantic Emperor, were leaving last night, and a third, the 223,000-ton British Surveyor, should go today.

Mr Barry said shipping movement in the bay would now be strictly controlled.

Gulf Oil, whose tanker Univer Leader was responsible for the spillage, had been in breach of an oral agreement with the Government in having five tankers in the bay at the same time. Gulf would be prosecuted, Mr Barry said.

Player's son killed

Jonathan Knowles, aged six, son of Cyril Knowles, Tottenham Hotspur player, was fatally injured when a stone thrown up by a lorry shattered the windscreen of his father's car on the A1 near Newark yesterday.

Rail stoppage

Thousands of commuters had their journey home disrupted last night because of a half-hour lightning stoppage by signalmen on the line from Fenchurch Street, London to Pitsea, Essex.

4.5m elms killed

About 4,500,000 trees of an original 23 million have been killed since the Dutch elm disease epidemic began in the late 1960s, according to a Forestry Commission survey.

SDLP invited to discuss policing in Ulster

From a Staff Reporter Belfast

The Northern Ireland Police Authority, which controls the Royal Ulster Constabulary, yesterday asked the predominantly Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party to meet it to discuss policing in the province. It did so less than 24 hours after Mr John Hume, one of the SDLP's most prominent politicians, had said that the matter could never support the police in "a loyalist one-party state."

Several SDLP Assemblymen, including Mr Gerard Fitz, their leader, have suggested that Roman Catholics might help the security forces, especially since the most recent wave of apparently sectarian murders. The police authority issued a statement yesterday saying that the murders added urgency to the need for "unreserved support for the RUC from all sections of the community" and asked

Karate blows killed boy of four, prosecution says

From Our Correspondent Winchester

George Peter Barter, aged 18, a demolition worker, killed a boy aged four with karate blows, it was alleged at Winchester Crown Court yesterday. Mr Barter, of Botley Drive, Leigh Park, Havant, Hampshire, pleaded not guilty to murdering Michael Powell.

Mr Ian Kennedy, QC, for the prosecution, said that Mr Barter was living with Mrs Pauline Powell, aged 20, mother of two children, who was separated from her husband.

He added: "You will hear that at least three blows struck the front of the child with full force of an adult strength. He

died because he had been struck so hard that his liver burst in three places. In addition there were sixty separate bruises in the tiny space of the child's torso."

Mr Kennedy said the child's mother returned after her work as a waitress at 1 am and the defendant let her in. She heard the child being violently sick, changed him and put him to bed.

She woke up at 4 am and heard noises from the child's bedroom. She and Mr Barter found the boy unconscious. Ambulance men failed to revive him. Mr Barter had said that he had difficulty putting the boy to bed and had slapped him.

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One-parent families will have to wait for help

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Government intends to take no early action to help one-parent families. The Queen's Speech made clear that although family allowances will be increased by the measure will help only those few one-parent families with two or more children who do not depend on supplementary benefits.

Family social security benefits will be raised again as part of the Government's commitment to a general improvement in the benefits. Most are expected to rise in July, but the higher family allowances will probably begin on April 1.

Mr Margaret Bramall, director of the National Council for One-Parent Families, said yesterday that a joint action committee to implement the report would be formed in the light of the Queen's Speech. The committee would have 18 national organizations affiliated to it and would meet soon.

Doubts over investment bank plan

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Within the Cabinet Office a group of 24 civil servants, lawyers, and academics is being formed, under a permanent secretary, to prepare the brief for legislation on devolution in discussions with Whitehall.

They will be much involved with the constitutional issues raised by United Kingdom membership of the EEC and proposals coming from the Church of England on the doctrine of bishops and the appointment of bishops by 10 Downing Street.

All the evidence is that no decision has been reached by the Government on picketing, probably because of differences within the Cabinet.

Unexpectedly, there are also clear doubts about the investment bank for which the plan has been promoted by Mr Lever, the Prime Minister's economic adviser and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Mr Callaghan said that there are no Cabinet papers before ministers yet about Mr Lever's proposal, although, at Mr Wilson's invitation, he publicly launched it during the recent parliamentary time for a further test of Commons feeling about the broad-

Sex equality Bill due before end of the year

The provisions in the Equal Status for Women Bill, which will be introduced by Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, before the end of the year, will seek to give sex discrimination in employment, training, education, housing, and the provision of goods, facilities and services. That would include loans, finance, mortgages and access to licensed premises and other places. The Government's proposals were fully outlined in a White Paper, Equality for Women.

Under the Public Reading Bill the Government will create a new public lending right for authors in respect of the use made of their work in public libraries. The Government is considering alternative ways of measuring entitlement, either by reference to borrowing or to purchase of books, or a combination of the two. There is a firm promise to introduce legislation before the end of this year.

measures to help one-parent families, particularly as the Labour Party manifesto contained promises to help them. The manifesto said Labour would attack family poverty by increasing family allowances, including them to the first child and that other ways of helping one-parent families were being examined. It also promised to extend day-care facilities and introduce a fairer system of family law through family courts.

Those commitments were in agreement with recommendations in the Finer report on one-parent families, published in July.

Here, again, it is possible that there are differences within the Cabinet about a proposal that would divert capital for investment to industry without accompanying public accountability of the kind the left wing, including some ministers, insist upon.

Although the Queen's Speech states that the Government will continue to give full support to the maintenance of the North Atlantic alliance, there is no doubt that the Parliamentary Labour Party will hold Mr Wilson and the Cabinet to their commitment to save some hundreds of millions of pounds on defence cuts. Here, too, there is going to be a delay.

Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, has announced that he aimed at a statement early in November. Government business managers have now planned it for the end of the month, and there is a question whether it will then carry all the detail that the Opposition, as Mr Heath indicated yesterday, will demand. The general election is being used as a justification for the delay.

During November the Government will be preparing parliament time for a further test of Commons feeling about the broad-

Weather forecast and recordings

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HOME NEWS

Protesting farmers delay cattle landing by 12 hours

From Our Correspondent Holyhead
The British Rail cargo ship Slieve Donard finally unloaded 630 head of cattle at 9 am yesterday 12 hours late after protesting farmers had relinquished their occupation of the cattle quay at Holyhead docks.

The occupation, which lasted 10 hours, was ended by vote at 6 am. By then only 150 remained out of nearly a thousand farmers who had invaded the port on Monday night. One of them said: "We have now made our point."

The farmers were protesting against the importation of Irish beef while the British market is depressed.

The cattle were at sea for 18 hours altogether after leaving Dublin on Monday afternoon. Gales reaching up to force nine injured five of the animals and caused one to be destroyed. The cattle were rested for 24 hours before continuing their journey by road and rail.

Throughout Monday night the farmers, who broke through a police cordon to get on to the quay, rejected appeals to leave by Mr Philip Myers, Chief Constable of the North Wales police.

Mr Myers, speaking through a loudspeaker from a footbridge above the quay, said: "We are on the verge of tragedy here and there is no doubt of the danger to life and limb."

"I am prepared to go to London personally to explain to the

Minister of Agriculture about the dangers we are in. I ask you to bear in mind the consequences of staying here."

But the farmers demanded assurances in writing that no more cattle boats would arrive at Holyhead from the Republic of Ireland. No such assurances were given.

The Slieve Donard left Dublin at 5 pm on Monday and was due to dock at Holyhead three and a half hours later. But British Rail told her by radio not to enter port and she waited 18 miles off shore until the farmers had dispersed.

British Rail said in Dublin yesterday that another cattle ship would leave Duin Laoghaire for Holyhead tomorrow.

Birkenhead protest: Farmers making a similar protest at Birkenhead demonstrated their dissatisfaction at the port yesterday and intended to do so again today (our Birkenhead Correspondent writes).

Farmers who arrived shortly after 4 am tried to prevent cattle trucks from leaving. About 600 head of Irish cattle had been landed overnight from the ship Friesland Express.

The demonstrators, including farmers from Wales and Cheshire, picketed the gates to the landing stage and at one point forced these into the loading area. A lorry tyre was set down and a scuffle broke out between police officers and a man underneath another lorry. No arrests were made.

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TV service best with 'remote control'

By Kenneth Gosling
Responsibility for television programmes must continue to rest with the people who make them, Sir Michael Swann, chairman of the BBC, said in a lunchtime lecture to corporation staff yesterday.

"The more clearly that responsibility is theirs," Sir Michael said, "the better, I believe, for them and for the health of the organization."

Sir Michael, speaking of the governors' responsibility, said that in the ordinary sense of passing every programme before sending it out, the board could not possibly exercise oversight, nor could senior management.

"It would need an army of full-time censors to scrutinize the 100,000-odd hours of programmes which the BBC puts out per annum nationally, regionally and locally. Who, I wonder, would indoctrinate the censors and what would this do to the confidence and self-respect of the programme makers? I shudder to think."

In no country of the world did government leaders broadcast entirely free to its own devices; the very least that any government settled for was remote control and this was what the BBC governors really wanted.

Britain's broadcasters had in practice, an enormous freedom to speak as they would, to unbelievably large audiences. They were not elected by society, nor could they be dismissed by society. If they chose to, and were allowed to, they could certainly exercise great influence.

Sir Michael said that however many different pressure groups might want to reconstruct broadcasting, physical things were simply not enough frequencies available in television or radio. Three television channels were already in use, one more available at once, and two in the foreseeable future by re-engineering the old VHF channels.

"Some day, perhaps, at enormous cost, more channels via satellites; or more channels coming by cable, but spreading only slowly and expensively in the towns and cities, and so expensive in the country as to be quite unrealistic."

"For a long time to come, then, and perhaps for all time, the ideal, sought after by all but the extremes of the political spectrum, of free expression of majority and minority opinion, cannot be achieved, in the same way that it has been achieved, in large measure, at least, for the press, by a multiplicity of diverse, competing and private outlets."



The new uniform for women prison officers, modelled in London yesterday, beside a 1914 outfit.

Official inquiry to be held into three hospital deaths

An official inquiry is to be held into the deaths of patients at two hospitals in Ilford, Essex, it was disclosed yesterday. Three patients died, two of them in July after being given anaesthetics.

One was a pregnant woman and it was said at the inquest that an anaesthetist had been left without proper supervision.

The inquiry will be led by Dr. Walter Wright, medical officer for Redbridge and Waltham Forest, according to an announcement issued on behalf of King George Hospital and Ilford Maternity Hospital.

Mr Wilson promises to end Clay Cross ban

From Our Correspondent, Chesterfield

The 11 former Labour councillors at Clay Cross, Derbyshire, who defied the Conservative Housing Finance Act may soon be eligible to sit again as councillors. They learnt yesterday that Mr Wilson had told a private meeting of the Labour Party in the Commons: "I stand by my undertaking so invariable, and there will be no introduction of legislation removing their disqualification."

Mr Charles Bunting, who was chairman of Clay Cross Housing Committee, said: "This is better news. It is a little step forward, but I should like to know when it is intended to introduce this legislation."

Mr Bunting was removed from office last year when the Conservative Government put in a housing commissioner. He added: "I would certainly be prepared to stand for office again if the ban is lifted. Our Labour Party colleagues who know our places know that they are only warming our seats in the council chamber."

Mr David Skinner, another of the former councillors and brother of Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover, said: "I'm very cautious about this because I

have seen the Labour Government give promises before. But let us be specific and let Harold invite us to London and tell us."

Mr Skinner said he would be prepared to stand for a seat on North East Derbyshire District Council, which replaced Clay Cross urban council under reorganisation.

He challenged a denial by Mr Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, that he had ever promised the former councillors they would escape a £7,000 surcharge for defying the Housing Finance Act. Mr Callaghan, who made the denial on Monday, is chairman of the Labour Party.

Mr Skinner said: "Callaghan told me and other colleagues at Transport House in January that the Government would honour the Labour conference decision to lift the penalties imposed on us. He made a note of it. It seems they have different shorthand writers there."

"We challenge Callaghan that if he is backsliding on this resolution, to let us have it made public. We insist that the Government remove the disqualification surcharge in accordance with the [party] conference resolution."

Church music that drives people away

By Our Arts Reporter

Second-rate music played at church services is enough to drive people away, says Mr Lionel Dakers, Director of the Royal School of Church Music. He announced yesterday a comprehensive programme of short courses for amateur organists and choir-masters, choir members, and organists, to raise standards generally.

Showing reporters round the college, to which are affiliated 8,000 churches and schools throughout the world, 1,500 in Britain, Mr Dakers said the courses were also aimed at the kind of situation where it was necessary for "reluctant pianists" to be converted into organists to fill vacancies.

Demand for extra supply by two priests to save a church from closure is the main reason for the shortage is that people have to be willing to be committed week by week, Sunday by Sunday. One cannot praise enough the people who do it."

The new programme at the school's headquarters, Addington Palace, Surrey, a former country house of Archbishop of Canterbury, also aims at increasing greatly the number of affiliations and bringing in a larger number of non-professional music-makers.

Banned man to skipper Icelandic trawler

From Our Correspondent, Hull

Skipper David Atkinson, aged 38, who was earning up to £25,000 a year until he was labelled a "bad risk" by a trawler insurance company and banned for three years, after his ship had been wrecked, is to command an Icelandic trawler. He is thought to be the first British skipper to do so.

Mr Atkinson, father of five children, of Broadley Avenue, Anlaby, near Hull, was skipper of the Ian Fleming (650 tons), when she ran aground in a Norwegian fjord last Christmas and became a total wreck with the loss of three lives. Eighteen men were saved. The United Kingdom Trawlers Mutual Insurance Company, which insures all British distant water trawlers, refused to insure for the next three years, any vessel of which Mr Atkinson was in command.

Mr Atkinson said yesterday that he was labelled a bad risk and had earned only £400 so far this year. The only jobs he could get were as second mate of an oil rig supply ship for a few weeks and on board a North Sea fishing boat for five weeks. The ban still had two years to go. He had accepted an offer by an Icelandic company to command one of its stern-fishing trawlers.

The Department of Trade has ordered a formal public inquiry into the loss of the Ian Fleming and it is likely to be held next January. Mr Atkinson said he welcomed the opportunity of defending himself at the inquiry. He said his family would continue to live at Hull and he would return home between voyages.

Blood samples 'cooked in police oven'

After a United States Air Force policeman had been arrested on a drink and driving charge, a village constable "cooked" his blood samples in a police station oven so that they could not be analysed, it was alleged at Ipswich Crown Court, Suffolk, yesterday.

Master Sergeant John Wood, aged 47, a section policeman at Lakenheath USAF station, pleaded not guilty to conspiring with Police Constable John Hadlow to obstruct the course of justice by interfering with evidence. He also pleaded not guilty to inciting Police Constable Hadlow to obstruct the course of justice.

Mr John Blofeld for the prosecution, said Sergeant Wood gave a blood sample at Mildenhall police station after falling a breath test. After being released he went to Police Constable Hadlow's home at Worlingham, Suffolk. Police Constable Hadlow later placed the two blood samples in a heated oven.

Mr Blofeld said: "It will not be contested that the police constable took the samples and put them so that they were quite unfit to be analysed. So there the evidence had gone."

Det Supt Gerald Sbraman said that in an interview Sergeant Wood denied tampering with the samples.

Burglary 'not an English Watergate'

A burglary at Liberal Party offices in Exchange Court, Strand, London, two days before the general election, was not an "English Watergate", Mr David Griffiths, MP for the seat, said at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court yesterday.

He was appearing for a Welsh labourer, aged 16, who admitted entering the offices as a trespasser and stealing £20 belonging to the Liberal Party and a holdall and cosmetics, worth together £5.80, belonging to Miss Clare Hayes.

The boy was charged together with John Solys, aged 20, an unemployed Scot, also of no fixed address, who admitted dishonestly handling the holdall, a lipstick and a pair of sunglasses. Both defendants, who admitted being in the premises three burglaries in 1974, were remanded in custody for 14 days for probation reports.

Expert questions tests on fingernails

An explosives expert yesterday questioned fingernail tests carried out on Judith Ward, aged 25, who is accused of raising three explosions, including the M62 coach blast in which 12 people died.

The tests were carried out by Dr Frank Skuse, a Home Office scientist, who said swabs taken from under Miss Ward's nails turned pink, indicating the presence of nitroglycerine.

Yesterday, the eighteenth day of the trial at Wakefield Crown Court, West Yorkshire, Mr Bernard Clancy, an expert called by the defence, said 18 substances could give just the same reaction to the nitroglycerine tests. They included shoe polish, furniture polish and wood preservatives.

The court was told that the fingernail tests were carried out when Miss Ward was arrested two days after an explosion at the National

Defence College at Latimer, Buckinghamshire.

Mr Peter Taylor, QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Clancy had made very considerable criticism of evidence without going into the scene of the M62 or Buxton explosions or examining any of the debris, or examining swabs. Asked if he thought that scientific and fair, Mr Clancy replied "I do."

Mr Andrew Rankin, QC, for the defence, asked Mr Clancy: "It was implied that you are an expert on safe-crackers and nothing else; is that right?"

Mr Rankin closed the case for the defence and the trial was adjourned until today.

Archaeology report

Tell Abu Hureyra: Stone Age span

Recent excavations at Tell Abu Hureyra in Syria have uncovered an important Mesolithic site more than 9,000 years old, succeeded by a Neolithic settlement large enough to be called a town, which had trade contacts with many parts of the Middle East. The period over which the site was occupied spans the transition from an economy based on wild resources to one based on plant and animal husbandry, and the site of the largest of the period known in Syria, suggests that it was a regional centre and that the Neolithic settlement pattern was more complex than had been supposed.

The site lies in the upper Euphrates valley, to the area due to be flooded by the Tabaq dam, and was excavated for two seasons by a team from British and overseas universities under the direction of Mr A. M. T. Moore, of University College, Oxford: the second season of excavation continued throughout the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, with the assistance of the Syrian authorities.

The earliest occupation was found to be Mesolithic in date, and consisted of a series of pits cut into the natural subsoil in the lee of a natural bank. The pits were up to 2.7 metres (9 ft) across, one contained occupational debris, including quartz and pebbles for

grinding seeds for food; adjacent post-holes suggested that they were partially roofed over. More than 1 metre (3.28 ft) of occupation deposit roved the pits, indicating a long occupation.

The upper layers of the deposit were weathered, showing that the site had been deserted for a time. The succeeding Neolithic occupation began in about 7000 BC or slightly earlier, and lasted for 1,000 years. The earliest houses of that period were built below the centre of the later mound, on the natural surface, and were afterwards buried by 8 metres (26.24 ft) of later deposit. That occupation was aceramic, lacking pottery vessels; the houses were large mud-brick structures of probably a single storey and with several rectangular rooms, with walls in one case preserved 1.7 metres (5.57 ft) high with a rectangular porthole doorway between two rooms. The floors were of red or black polished plaster, sometimes decorated: one had a bright red sunburst design on a black ground. The buildings were tightly packed, with only narrow alleys between.

By about 6000 BC the settlement occupied an area 400 by 300 metres (436 by 327 yards), larger than any other known prehistoric site in Syria, and was large enough to be considered a town. The excavations, to the period after 6000 BC

Economic crisis 'should not hinder clean-up'

By a Staff Reporter

Even the severest economic crisis could not interrupt steady progress towards a cleaner environment if people everywhere made an effort, Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, told international delegates to the Keep Europe Beautiful conference in London yesterday.

The ultimate responsibility for prevention of pollution and litter must lie with the individual. He continued: "We must save ourselves from the consequences of our own folly, a folly which ranges from the casual act of throwing paper away in the street to the deliberate art of releasing any waste material into the environment in an uncontrolled way."

"Although possible improvements in the standard of living might have to be deferred, improvement in the condition of our immediate environment could be achieved by self-help at no cost at all."

The three-day conference, organized by the Keep Britain Tidy Group, will discuss ways of influencing public opinion.

Boy's death after 'The Exorcist' film was natural

By a Staff Reporter

A student who had a fit a few hours after taking his girl friend to see the controversial film The Exorcist, about the fight by two priests to save a schoolgirl from possession by the devil, died from natural causes, the St Pancras coroner said yesterday.

Dr Douglas Chambers, recording a verdict of death from natural causes on John Power, aged 15, said it appeared that he had been suffering something like epileptic fits since the age of 12.

Dr Hugh Johnson, a pathologist, asked by the coroner whether the film could have set off the fit, replied: "It is possible. It is not unusual that any unusual stimulus, visual, auditory or emotional, could trigger off an epileptic fit. It is well known that the flickering of a television screen may do it quite apart from the content of the programme; the same may occur in the cinema."

Manx immigration Bill gets support

A Bill to give Manx government officials power to scrutinize the backgrounds of people moving into the Isle of Man to work, so that those considered criminal types or otherwise undesirable may be refused work permits, was strongly supported and given its second reading in the House of Keys yesterday.

"It will give the government the strongest and most widely ranging powers it has ever had to control the employment of all immigrants, manual workers and the professional and managerial classes alike. All will need work permits unless classed as residents."

The member in charge of the Bill, Mr Howard Simcocks (Independent, Rushen), said that since the island's link with the EEC had limited its power to control immigration, the only way to control immigrants was through their employment.

Doctor for trial

Dr Mohammed Rayman, of Harley Street, London, was sent for trial by Reading magistrates yesterday to Reading Crown Court, charged with falsely making a written statement that Mr Juanita Harris had been prescribed certain drugs on certain days, with the intention of misleading a criminal court. He was allowed bail.

Social council 'needed to aid deprived children'

By Penny Symon

A social education council should be established, on the lines of the present Health Education Council, to concern itself with family life, child development and parental rights and responsibilities.

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By a Staff Reporter

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Flying pickets in building strike lose their appeals

Appeals by Eric Tomlinson and Dennis Warren, who led a "flying column" of 308 pickets during the 1972 national building strike, were dismissed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Mr Tomlinson, aged 34, of Cheshire View, Wrexham, and Mr Warren, aged 36, of Ty-loch Street, Henllan, Clwyd, father of five children, were convicted last December at Shrewsbury Crown Court of conspiracy to intimidate workers on building sites at Shrewsbury and Telford.

In brief 20,000 cars to be recalled

About 20,000 Simca 1100 cars, built since July last year, are being called in for checks because a few have been found to have premature wearing of lower front-suspension ball joints, or chafed front brake hoses.

Register of interest

Essex county councillors are to be invited to provide information for a public register showing details of their own and their spouses' paid employment, ownership of land, companies in which they hold £1,000 shares and tenancies of council property.

Late buses banned

Busmen at Bristol yesterday started a ban on all evening work after a conductor had been attacked. They will halt services every evening at eight o'clock until more protection is promised.

Coin kills dolphin

Sinbad, an eight-year-old dolphin at Woburn safari park, died suddenly yesterday, after a 2p coin thrown by a visitor had lodged in its blow-hole.

Plan to cut beef supply by subsidies

A scheme to reduce supplies of beef throughout the EEC by means of subsidies was announced yesterday. A further announcement about it is expected tomorrow from Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The National Farmers' Union said yesterday that thousands of calves were being sent to knackers and hunt kennels by farmers who could neither afford nor find sufficient winter feed for them.

The Ministry of Agriculture had called for the killing because of the continuing incidence of swine vesicular disease. Mr John Ryman, chairman of the Royal Smithfield Club Council, said there were record entries for most classes of livestock except cattle.

Scientists turn natural gas to protein

Shell scientists working in Britain claim an advance in protein production from natural gas. The company hopes that by the early 1980s it will be able to produce synthetic animal feedstuffs that are competitive with those made from fishmeal and soyabean flour.

Construction firm cashier falsified time-sheet

A construction company cashier earning £4,000 a year who falsified a time-sheet to give himself an extra £5 had lost his job. Magistrates were told at Wigan, Greater Manchester, yesterday.

Swinton, was remanded on bail of £7,500 until December 3. He was charged with endeavouring to obtain £50,000 from the Inland Revenue by virtue of a forged Inland Revenue form and faced 17 other charges alleging conspiracy to defraud the Inland Revenue and falsifying documents.

Financial crisis threatens D'Oyly Carte

The D'Oyly Carte Opera Company is facing financial difficulties as it prepares for its centenary celebrations at a cost of up to £15,000 more than its routine weekly costs of £8,000.

Scots radio and TV 'amateur', survey indicates

Scottish radio and television programmes tend to be more amateur, less experimental and less controversial than those shown nationally, according to a survey published in Edinburgh yesterday.

Hotel escape

Two guests escaped from a fire at Ingoldisthorpe Manor Hotel at Ingoldisthorpe, Norfolk, yesterday, by making a rope from sheets, lowered from a second-floor window. No one was hurt.

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WEST EUROPE

Berlin main issue at Moscow summit

From Dan van der Vat Moscow, Oct 29 The Soviet-West German summit got down to serious and detailed discussions today with the Chancellor, Herr Schmidt, taking a firm stance on West Berlin and credit interest rates.

Two thirds of this morning's session involving Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet Party leader, Mr Kosygin, the Prime Minister, and Mr Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, were devoted to the Berlin issue. Herr Schmidt, Herr Genscher, his Foreign Minister, and Herr Sahn, the West German ambassador, spoke for Bonn.

The difference between the two sides on West Berlin concerned the degree to which links between West Germany and the city should be able or allowed to develop.

Bonn wants a whole series of agreements between the two governments, which have been under discussion for some months now, to apply to West Berlin as well, a point the Russians are more than reluctant to concede.

The rest of the morning's session was spent on the question of economic cooperation. In the afternoon the delegations divided, with Herr Schmidt and Mr Kosygin and their officials dealing with economic matters.

On economic projects, Herr Schmidt underlined for the Russians his Government's policy on financial credits. These were available only at or near market rates.

Despite the determination of both sides to stick to their well-known positions on West Berlin and on interest rates, and some pretty frank talk today, Soviet and West German officials seem cautiously optimistic that the outcome of this summit will be a breakthrough.

Mr Brezhnev failed to attend a luncheon given by Herr Schmidt in his honour today. West German sources said Mrs Viktoria Brezhnev told Herr Schmidt that her husband had decided to rest.

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Oct 29 The break up of the French state television and radio network ORTF has now run into deep trouble with staff unions. Hundreds of jobs are affected by the reorganization.

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Tito visit to Denmark: President Tito of Yugoslavia and his wife arrived in Copenhagen yesterday on a state visit. They were accompanied by Mr Dzemal Bijedic, the Prime Minister, and Mr Yazar Mojsov, the Deputy Foreign Minister. They were greeted at the airport by Queen Margrethe, our Copenhagen correspondent writes. The Queen and the President are seen above. In his speech at a banquet given in his honour by the Queen, President Tito

emphasized the successful development of relations between the two countries. He believed that both could further contribute to improving cooperation among all countries of the Continent.

Briton defends Bordeaux dealer

From Richard Wigg Paris, Oct 29 It was the turn of M Liqoel Cruse, one of the principal accused among the 18 dealers at the Bordeaux wine scandal trial, to go into the witness box today.

But before he did so a London wine importer had spoken up for him. Mr David Rutherford told the court that in the 70 years his company had been representing the Cruse merchant house in Britain they had never received a complaint about the Bordeaux wines sent by Cruse.

The judge then asked the British witness the question which now worries the entire Bordeaux wine trade—the effects of the scandal on the sale abroad of good quality Bordeaux.

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The institute, founded in 1886, is deeply divided over Professor Monod's plan to move the entire Pasteur Institute from its historic buildings to the centre of Paris to completely new quarters 10 miles away at Garches. This move, according to Professor Monod, is the only solution to the financial problems which have plagued the institute since the Second World War.

In 1973, the institute had an accumulated deficit of 18m francs (over £1.6m) and Professor Monod calculates that by 1977 the deficit will have risen to around 65m francs (£5.9m).

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The sources indicated that Señor Zubizarri had allowed the Spanish press more freedom than any other Information Minister in the 35-year history of the Franco regime.

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SPORT

Racing

Sootsayer expected to make bold show at Ascot today

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent With plenty of rain to ensure perfect working conditions at home, as opposed to last year when a drought in the autumn made life particularly trying for trainers attempting to get their charges fit, there has been no shortage of winners at any of the recent National Hunt meetings. Leading members of the big battalions are appearing with increasing regularity and at Sandown Park on Saturday it will be the turn of the champion hurdler Lazaro to make his first appearance in this season. He is the second of the Ropes John Skepping Hurdle for which there were 12 other acceptors at yesterday's four-day fortnight stage.

Today in the Duokirk Handicap Steeplechase. This race is named after the brilliant horse that the late Peter Gandy trained to win the National Hunt's Steeplechase nine years ago. At the age of seven Sootsayer is unquestionably one of the most exciting horses in the winter's stable. He won the Colonial Cup—beating Inklinger by two and a half lengths—and the Temple Hurdle by a neck. He was the United States 14th year ago, but last November he was beaten a nose in the Cooze Cup, at Camden, trying to give 13 lb to the winner, Lucky Boy III. It was also that race that his trainer, the iron Duport Scott, decided to send Sootsayer to the country to be trained by Winter at Lambourn. Mrs Duport Scott's famous victory in the Grand National just before the war by Balthazar, ridden by Bruce Hobbs, Winter gave Sootsayer plenty of time to become acclimatized and, in fact, ran him only once last season, in the Cathcart Challenge Cup Steeplechase, the last race of the National Hunt Festival, in March. Carrying the same weight as Lazaro, a former winner of the Cheltenham Cup, Sootsayer and Amarind, another smart recruit from the United States, Sootsayer

performed in a distinctly impressive manner, striding away from his rivals throughout the last half-mile to win more or less as he pleased by four lengths. He has jumped with all the flair and fluency that he has shown in the past, and the smaller and colder aspects of American steeplechasing have come to him. With so English summer behind him, Sootsayer's mood is likely to be stronger than he did last week and today will see him barge what is regarded as a warm up for the Mackeson Gold Cup race at Cheltenham, in 10 days' time. Clearly expecting a bold show this afternoon, Hills has already made Sootsayer's second favourite for the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham, in 10 days' time. Clearly expecting a bold show this afternoon, Hills has already made Sootsayer's second favourite for the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham, in 10 days' time.



Sir Expediter (second from left) winning the first division of the Final Maiden Plate.

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By Jim Snow Northern Racing Correspondent The first and only meeting of the autumn was staged at Sandown last week, and today and tomorrow Newcastle follow suit with the first three races on the flat and the last three over fences at hurdles. There will, I suspect, be rather more interest in the running of such high-class steeplechasers as the Benign Bishop, Superstard and Straight Vulcan who they meet over three miles for the John Eustace Smith Trophy Steeplechase, which is named after the distinguished amateur who was killed when riding over the course, than in the first two flat races for maidens at starting and for two-year-olds who had our woeful September 30.

The three miles steeplechase may provide a close finish between the young and the old, the seven-year-old Benign Bishop from Ken Oliver's Scottish stable, and the 11-year-old Superstard. Also in the running is the 10-year-old Benign Bishop, who was not so far behind the leaders in the Grand National when he put the champion jockey Donald Barry down at the 15th fence. Superstard is one of the great characters of northern steeplechasing, and rightly so. Since 1966 he has won the Cup, the Claret Stakes, Stephenson, and he will be all the better for his recent outings. He is not severely handicapped with 11st 5lb, but I prefer slightly the Benign Bishop, winner of his only race this season and a young stay-

ing steeplechaser who has for a couple of years been something approaching the apple of the eye of both Oliver and his charming wife Rhona. For the Allowick Castle Hurdle, Stanwick Sovereign, winner of the Cup in last year's edition, is a stable companion of Superstard, and Night Nurse, unbeaten to three races, look the pick of the small field. In the seller's handicap hurdle Cork Tip, mount of John O'Neill, a young rider who might, in the next few months, be on the heels of such a star as Richard Stuck, Graham Thornton, and others in the race for the championship title, has a clear chance. The horse has been third in his three races and is well enough treated with 10st 4lb.

An apprentice richer for his experience

By Michael Seely A blither northerly wind came sweeping down on Nottingham yesterday afternoon, and the bleak aspect was not confined only to the long programme of eight races. It also spread itself over most of the runners that took part. We are a long way from the beginning of the season in March, and animals who, in the summer, were proud with heat and condition now seem to shuffle listlessly round the parade ring, their coats broken and dull. One trainer, however, whose horses are still carrying a mid-season bloom is Jeremy Hindley, and his runner, Pat Hand, looked outstanding in the paddock before the Roper's Apprentice Handicap, going clear in the straight for 10 lengths. His rider, Neil Crowther, must have found this a far more enjoyable experience than the one he had on Monday when Pat Hand dominated the race in much the same way that he had stood out in the preliminaries, going clear in the straight for 10 lengths. His rider, Neil Crowther, must have found this a far more enjoyable experience than the one he had on Monday when Pat Hand dominated the race in much the same way that he had stood out in the preliminaries, going clear in the straight for 10 lengths.

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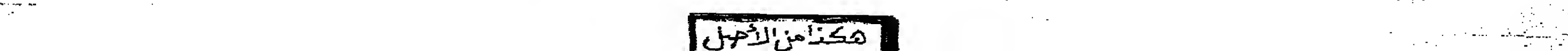
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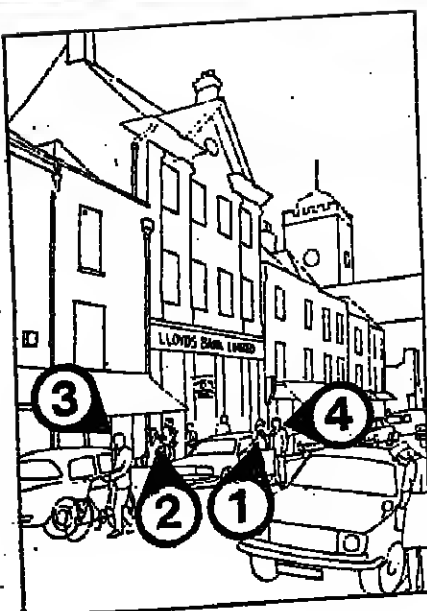
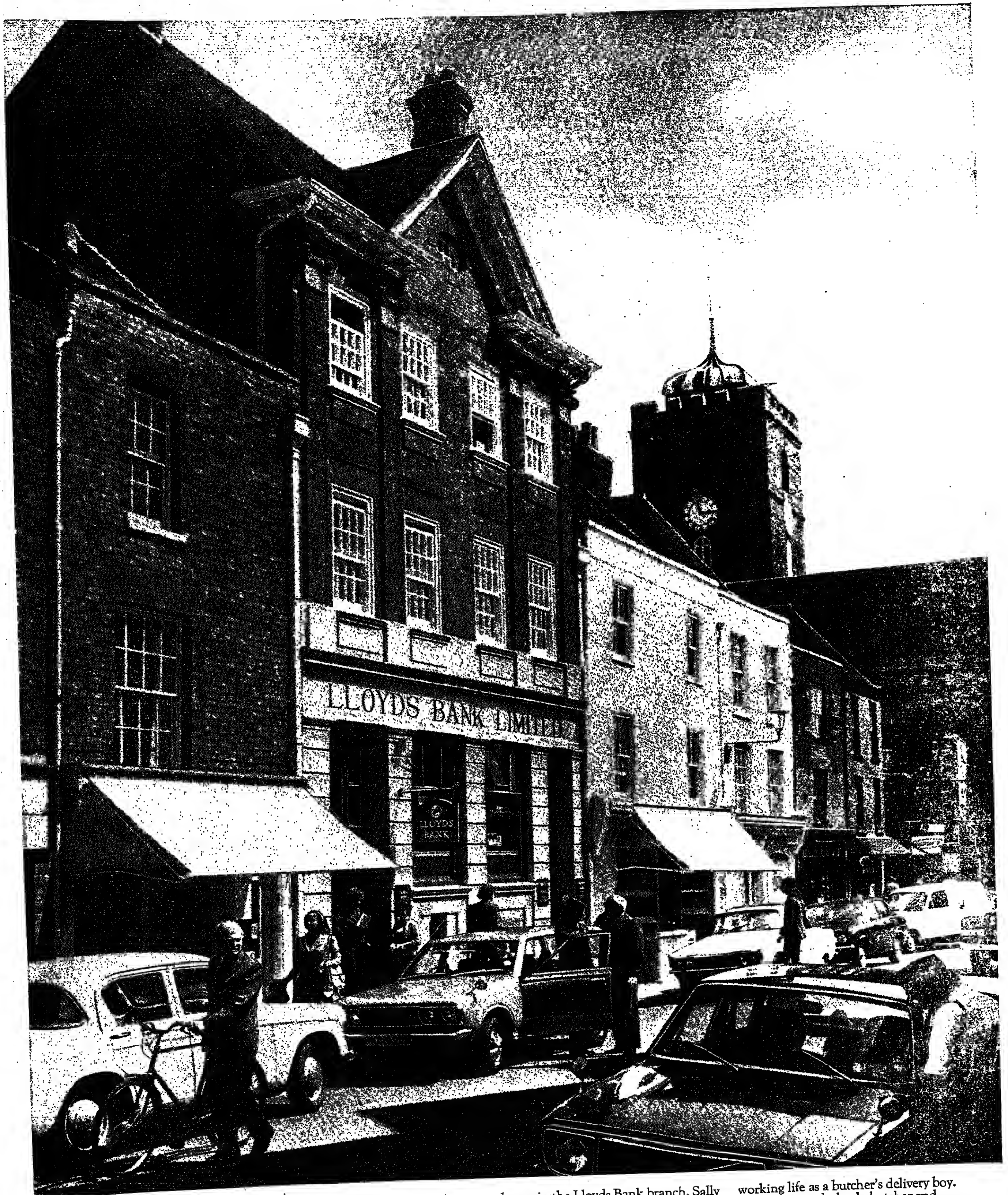
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The first is to abolish freedom to have the whole of society—beginning with its economic aspects, and then, since the two are inseparably interwoven, its political aspects—controlled by the apparatus of dictatorship. It is no accident that the Marxist and fellow-travelling left in the Labour Party has put first among its aims increasing state control of all aspects of our economic life, or that it rejects the whole concept of a mixed economy. The route to its goal of turning Britain into a land where there is no freedom of any kind lies through the establishment in this country of a state of affairs in which there is no significant economic freedom, and once that has been achieved the rest must follow.

No, friend; it was not Mr Heath who made the City a dirty world. It was those who think that property, not to mention this, that and the other, has nothing to do with the real people live and see the world; it was those who think that making money is not only its own reward but its own justification; it was those who think that they are entitled to do anything at all provided that it is not in any way against the law; it was those who, amid the manifold opportunities of the post-war boom, have accumulated and profited and grown rich and added precious little, if anything at all, to the common store. They are people like Mr "Tiny" Rowland and Mr John Bentley and Mr Oliver Jessel, who have all scrupulously followed the law on the one hand and their own hunger for money on the other. Come, let us ask Mr Jessel a question. The company that has been in difficulties, and which has of course

The maiming of the innocents, that seasonal ritual, is upon us once again. "Please to remember the Fifth of November." Thousands of children have sorry cause to do so. Parliamentarians remember the treason and plot but forget the gunpowder. According to Home Office statistics, more than 1,000 fireworks injuries are treated in hospitals each year. This is not a true casualty total, since hundreds of others are dealt with at home by parents or doctors.

They should see the face of a girl disfigured for life, a teenage boy with genitals shrivelled, another boy blinded, an infant with a hole hurst through its chest, others with mouths marred and hands maimed. And all this needless suffering because year after year children are encouraged to "play" with explosives.

The borningly effective BBC Man Alive programme, Remember, Remember... first shown some years ago, has led to a growing realization of the dangers. A Private Member's Bill in 1969 to ban the retail sale of fireworks failed by only 16 votes. The work of the National Campaign for Firework Reform has culminated in the adoption by the Home Office of a code of conduct for the display of fireworks. More and more of the large stores and small shopkeepers have

responsibly decided not to stock them. The most positive development is the gradual abandonment of the traditional back-garden bonfire and the mounting of organized and regulated displays by local authorities. Last year in my constituency about 5,000 people attended each of the three displays put on in different parks by the enterprising director of the parks department. And there were no casualties.

Parent-teacher associations and nursing groups, the Fire Brigades Union and the police, who know the scale of the problem, have voiced their concern. A few MPs and members of the NCFR have made continuing representations to the last three governments. What reforms are needed? Raising the buying age from 13 and limiting the period of sales to, say, the 10 days before Guy Fawkes Night might only marginally affect the casualty rate.



How the Russians balance their books to disguise the effects of inflation

In the recent discussions on the causes and cure of our inflation, many commentators have remarked on the lessons which might be drawn from the experience of communist countries. Are they better than we are in coping with the problem? If so, why? What can we learn from their methods?

There is some dispute about the facts. Some claim that the Soviet Union and its allies are models of price stability. Others—assert that inflation rages there too, beneath the surface. So let us begin by establishing what the facts are.

If the levels of official prices are a measure of inflation, then the Soviet financial planners have little to worry about. The published price indexes do show some increase, but by Western standards they are modest. The figures for the period 1960-72 are as follows:

Other examples of disguised price increases relate to china and earthenware, clothing, meat and a number of other commodities. All this does not imply that prices have risen greatly, but the increase in retail prices in 12 years is certainly greater than the officially claimed 10 per cent. Therefore real wages rose by less than 62 per cent—though they undoubtedly rose.

There is another aspect to consider, both for industrial materials and for consumers' goods: availability. There is some evidence of excess demand at the fixed official prices. In many towns fresh meat may be unobtainable for weeks on end. Vegetables and fruit might not be found in state shops at all, except in a few big "priority" cities. Almost any consumers' good from kettles and batteries to shoes and motor cycles is out of stock somewhere. Similarly, industrial managers suffer from uncertainties in supply: building materials, tyres, spare parts, metal, may not arrive.

Isle of Man Legal Tender Gold Coinage. Brilliant Uncirculated Issue. Manx Decimal Coins (Gold Coins) Order 1973. Includes images of coins and pricing information.

Robin Young spent yesterday in Birmingham to test the morale of the citizens in the latest spots of bomb attacks. He reports: The evening newspaper headlines say: CITY BOMB TERROR—PICTURE. The picture which the city presents, though, is one of cheerful concern rather than blank terror.

The Times Diary. A city that does not scare easily. Women were selling coffee and sandwiches. Two women were discussing the assassination attempt on Denis Howell, whom they seemed to regard with something less than Christian charity.

City people there than I had expected. Most of the congregation of 100 or so looked a little dazed for capitalists, unless that is the way City gents dress in these difficult times. My suspicion is that the morality of the system worries them less just now than its profitability.

Flesh. Some big red boxons in bathing suits went on exhibition yesterday in the first major art show devoted to the work of Donald McGill, that seminal popular artist of the 20th century, king of the saucy poster.

Pricey. Mirabal Cecil continues her search for a decent store lunch for Fortnum and Mason's in Piccadilly. The most civilized thing about lunching at Fortnum and Mason's main restaurant upstairs is that you can give your name to the floor toanageer,



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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF RABAT

The decision taken on Monday night by the Arab leaders assembled in Rabat, recognizing the right of the Palestine Liberation Organization to set up an independent state in any part of Palestine from which Israel withdraws, will strengthen those in Israel who are against withdrawing from any part of Palestine at all. It will certainly disappoint the Israeli prime minister, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, who only last Friday was warning his opponents that their attempts to prevent any withdrawal on the west bank would, if successful, end all prospects for peace in the Middle East and plunge the region into war.

Mr. Rabin and his government have repeatedly said that they will not accept an independent Palestinian state between Israel and Jordan, and that they will not recognize or negotiate with the PLO. On the first point they have the support of a large majority of Israelis. On the second point Israel is virtually unanimous. Consequently it is very difficult to see how Israel can now negotiate about the future of the west bank, even if King Husain is still willing to act as their formal negotiating partner. That is by no means certain, given that by his acceptance of Monday's decision he would have reduced his role to that of a middleman through whom Israel would be handing over territory to the PLO.

Yet if no progress towards a settlement is possible on the west bank, it is very doubtful whether it will be politically possible for President Sadat to take further steps towards a settlement in Sinai. The Rabat decision must therefore be regarded as a major setback for the piecemeal approach to a Middle East settlement adopted by both Israel and Dr. Kissinger—an approach which consists essentially in taking the easier problems first and leaving the more difficult ones, such as Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, until later.

Mr. Rabin may well in his

beast feel great bitterness towards those of his fellow Israeli politicians who have effectively prevented him, since he took office at the beginning of June immediately after the disengagement agreement with Syria, from moving swiftly to negotiate a similar agreement with Jordan. He may even feel that during those past five months the last, best chance of peace between Israel and the Arab world was allowed to slip. For certainly King Husain would have gone to Rabat in a very much stronger position if he had already achieved an initial Israeli withdrawal on the west bank, or even if negotiations to achieve this were already in progress. As it was, his best argument at the Rabat conference—that he alone could obtain Israeli withdrawal from the west bank—was deprived of much of its force, because no Arab leader contemplating the political situation in Israel could feel confident that Israel would withdraw from the west bank even by agreement with King Husain.

The Rabat decision, then, may well fill both Dr. Kissinger and Mr. Rabin with dismay. Yet it has at least the merit of clarifying the situation. For it brings Israel face to face with the Palestinian problem which is the key to the whole conflict between Israel and the Arabs. It is in fact the logical consequence of the decision taken at the previous Arab summit meeting in Algiers on the morrow of the October war.

Of that decision it is generally remembered that the Arab states recognized the PLO as "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people". But the purpose of that recognition is often forgotten. The PLO was named as the body which, on behalf of the Palestinian people, would define the Palestinian "national rights", regarded by the Arabs as an essential ingredient of any Middle East peace settlement. This was an important change in Arab attitudes to Israel, and one which

should not necessarily be regarded by Israel as negative. In essence, the previous Arab attitude has been that peace with Israel was impossible because it would involve acceptance of the theft of the Palestinians' homeland and was therefore incompatible with Palestinian national rights. By contrast, the post-Algiers attitude is less categorical. It consists in saying that peace with Israel is possible only if it can be reconciled with Palestinian national rights. But the task of defining those rights is not one which non-Palestinians can take on themselves. It can only be undertaken by the Palestinians.

By implication, therefore, the Algiers decision made the possibility of peace in the Middle East—as opposed to a partial temporary arrangement—an open question, and a question which could only be answered by Palestinians and Israelis. If Palestinians and Israelis could agree to negotiate with each other and could find a modus vivendi, peace was possible. If not, the Israelis could provide their part of the answer through their state and their government. But the Palestinians had neither state nor government. Some body had therefore to be recognized as their representative. The choice of the PLO may have seemed arbitrary and in many ways unsatisfactory. But in fact there was no real alternative. Certainly King Husain would have been an even more unsatisfactory choice, since he is not himself a Palestinian and indeed has a vested interest in preventing the assertion of a distinct Palestinian identity.

The question is, therefore, whether peace is possible between Israel and the PLO. On the face of it, both sides have already answered this question in the negative. Yet each side has also dropped hints that its attitude is not immutable but conditioned by the negative attitude of the other. It is now more than ever imperative that a way be found to break the deadlock should he found.

Breaking up the United Kingdom

From Mr. M. W. Graham
 Sir, Your leader yesterday is not only true it is very overdue. It demands serious consideration by all sections of the populations of developed countries but it will only get it if the tide is changed and the argument taken one stage further.

It is a truism that a man will lie, cheat, steal and ultimately kill rather than see his family die of starvation. As for men, so for tribes and governments. Throughout history this has been so with, in recent centuries in the developed world, more sophisticated interpretations being placed on the food-subsistence causes of war. Nevertheless, whatever the apparent cause of wars, there has always been an economic motive which, in effect, is only one stage removed from the fundamental biological imperative of both human and animal life—survival. In spite of the profound influence that both religious and philosophical ethics have had on the human mind, it remains almost as true today as it was a millennium ago (which is no reason for abandoning the ethics).

Internationally, the dependence of political power on food supply for their population is in evidence. In times of starvation, such as you rightly envisage, failure to provide means for survival to govern through internal unrest unites its population by making it face outwards to real or imagined sins perpetrated by its neighbours and to the real or imagined benefits which would accrue from their destruction. In medieval times this led to the bow and arrow wars after harvest. In the future, with nuclear proliferation apparently unstoppable, it could lead to the last desperate act of nuclear war, either as a pre-emptive strike by the "haves" or as an act of frustration by the "have nots".

The sooner that we realize that the stakes are not breakfast and dinner but the survival of the human race in some far off land, which doesn't apparently affect our wage packets, but the total survival of the world community, which makes wage packets irrelevant, the sooner you will get your commitment to governments to do their best by warning and exhortation over the last 20 years and still we are far short of the 1 per cent GNP aid from the developed world. Their role is invaluable and only made more so by the paralytic stupor of developed countries which are increasingly irrelevant.

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I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,
 MICHAEL GRAHAM,
 Smarsh Well,
 Mereworth, Kent.

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Naval visits to South Africa

From Lieutenant-Commander G. A. Maritz, RN
 Sir, Far from being a visit by the Royal Navy to a foreign port in celebration by the local population, Civic authorities and private individuals compete for the honour of entertaining the visitors, and the Navy returns the compliment with a programme of entertainment in the form of cocktail parties, dances, and children's games. This a good time is had by all, the warships' crews are refreshed, and friendship fostered between nations, regardless of their political differences.

All this, it seems, is now to be changed. At Mr. Callaghan's bidding calls by the Navy at South African ports will in future be "strictly for minimum operational purposes". This means, presumably, that while ships will be permitted to refuel and revictual, all human contact between the warships and the natives will be forbidden.

Men who have been cooped up for weeks in crowded mess decks, seeing nothing but the empty sea, will be allowed ashore to stretch their legs; or if they are so allowed will be instructed to shun the locals; not to speak in strident accents; not to pick up any accents; not to accept invitations. Or perhaps they will be taken on conducted tours, like those of little groups of sullen Soviet sailors occasionally seen in London, shuffling about in political committees, discussed as interlopers, whose job is to ensure that nobody is contaminated by the polluted capitalist environment.

Apart from the depressing effect on naval morale, how is it possible to conduct such a visit, on the basis that while your national ally is fit to share the brunt of war, he is not nice enough to mix with socially. And why should South Africa open its ports to people who refuse to mix with them?

Defence experts may differ as to the value of the Simonstown Agreement. Personally I cannot imagine how our southern trade route can be protected, without the facilities provided by South Africa. But even if it may, while the agreement is in force it should be carried out in a civilized manner. The comfort, self-respect, and good name of the Royal Navy should not be sacrificed to placate Mr. Callaghan's critics.

I am, Sir, etc.,
 G. A. MARITZ, Lt-Comdr (Retd),
 Wood Manor, Bridport, Dorset.

A LEFTWARD COURSE FOR BRITAIN

There were no real surprises in the Queen's Speech yesterday. Normally, when a government presents its immediate programme after an election victory, there is some interest in the detail of how it will immediately interpret its manifesto in terms of parliamentary action. On this occasion, however, the Government has been producing the policies to which it now gives priority since February, in the form of White Papers and consultative documents.

It is without question a leftward course on which Mr Wilson intends to lead the country. What is more, despite his slim overall majority on paper, the Prime Minister probably has the votes to introduce most of what was promised yesterday. For on most of the individual items, some elements of the non-Conservative opposition are likely to vote with Labour.

Some of the items for nationalization in the already announced Labour programme, notably the proposal to take over road haulage and the construction industry into public ownership, did not feature in the list for action yesterday. It still seems, however, that these industries are part of Labour plans for a later stage of this parliament. They are, therefore, left in the unsatisfactory position of having a great cloud of doubt over their futures.

There are still severe battles ahead, even with shipbuilding and the aircraft industry, for all that they were a firm priority commitment for nationalization yesterday. Particularly in the case of the aircraft industry, there are, it seems, no blueprints for how the change is to be achieved. It has long been evident that there was need for rationalization in the aircraft industry. Indeed the previous government was at an advanced stage of thinking on the issue. But how the interests of Hawker Siddeley, the British Aircraft Corporation and Vickers can be extricated is far from clear. There is little sign that the Government have given the question much thought.

The speech contained the expected commitment to cut defence expenditure, about which the Labour manifesto was coy and ministers deliberately silent during the campaign. In the area of education, however, the Government appears to be drawing back somewhat from the hard line that some of its more extreme supporters have favoured. Under the restraining influence of Mr Prentice, the commitment is limited to the continuation of development of fully comprehensive education, rather than more immediate action to compel unconvinced education authorities to take action at once.

Almost nothing of interest was said yesterday about the central issue of public policy, namely the management of the economy. In this context, the Chancellor's budget statement next month—his third this year—is the centre of attention, rather than the Queen's Speech. It is what is said and not said on November 12 that will primarily govern the condition of this country in the medium term. For the acrimonious debate about the structure of British industry is of secondary importance compared with the management of the economy and the control of inflation.

It was noticeable that there was no reference yesterday to the industrial bank or financing arrangements, which are associated with the name of Mr Lever. It is possible, that the Cabinet has had second thoughts about this proposal in view of the opposition from the left wing of the Labour Party. But, equally, it could be that it will fall to the Chancellor to announce it as part of his package of budget measures to assist industry. We have the severest doubts on the wisdom of creating new machinery on these lines. British industry needs constructive fiscal and economic policies in a programme to restore economic stability, not institutional novelties.

Social Democrats

From Mr Ashley Bramall
 Sir, As a social democratic member of the Labour Party of long standing may I express my bewilderment at two phenomena of the recent general election and its aftermath. The first is the total misuse of the word "social democratic" by me and thousands like me. The second is the fact that the word "social democratic" beliefs have always been first and foremost a form of socialist thought.

Social democracy involves the acceptance of a mixed economy, but a mixed economy in which public ownership is the predominant and not the subordinate form of ownership. It involves far greater equality than exists at present.

Social democrats are, I suppose, distinguished from some other socialists by holding (1) that socialism is to be obtained only by the processes of democracy; (2) that democratically enacted laws are to be obeyed; and (3) that property should not be acquired without compensation.

How can any such views form the basis of a new political grouping to which, according to Lord Chalfont and others, Liberals and Conservatives should adhere? To put it another way, who are these Liberals and Conservatives who would be prepared to accept any form of socialism or any greater equality?

The other curious proposition is that because only a minority of the electorate voted for the Labour Party the Government's duty is to abandon its own programme and espouse that of its opponents. A party is called to Government because more members of Parliament were elected by those who voted for that party and its programme than were elected by those who voted for any other party and its programme. How curious is the suggestion that party's duty is to turn its back on those who voted for it and prefer those who voted against it and its programme. It is true that 60 per cent of the electorate voted against Labour, but 64 per cent voted against the Tories, and a massive 82 per cent against the Liberals. It seems a strange version of democracy that the Government should be required to prefer the views against which the larger numbers voted to its own which were, in fact, put in too higher, the least unpopular.

Yours faithfully,
 ASHLEY BRAMALL
 The County Hall,
 SEL.

The Liberals in Scotland

From Mr Donald Gorrice
 Sir, I welcome the opportunity to demolish the well-worn Liberalist myths peddled by Mr MacDonald's letter on October 23 attacking the Scottish Liberals for fighting so many seats and, allegedly, preventing the Scottish Liberal Party contesting 1910 and doubling the February figure—because local Liberals demanded a Liberal candidate to vote for and many good local candidates were kept out of the party organization supported them enthusiastically, because our job is to promote Liberalism by helping Liberal candidates to fight; it is not to make highly suspect calculations about who might win if we do not fight; it is certainly not to break up the UK and the removal of an isolationist Scotland from the EEC.

As a result of this campaign and our present efforts, Liberalism will soon be an organized force throughout Scotland for the first time since the 1920s. The Nationalists, confident that the Liberals would just fade away, are naturally dismayed at our success in broadening our effective base.

The central myth of Mr MacDonald's letter is that most Liberal voters would vote SNP in the absence of a Liberal. Everyone I know who has widespread contact with Liberal voters knows that this is entirely untrue. With everything going their way, the SNP polled every possible, floating, protest and SNP Liberal vote. The Liberals polled just the basic straight Liberal vote.

In making a second-best choice,

Arrests in Chile

From Mr John Platt Mills, QC
 Sir, In their letter of October 10 Mr Bindman and Mr David Stephen mention the committal arrests in Chile. One of these took place at the weekend of August 24-25 of this year in Santiago, and on the Monday morning I had a firsthand story of it from a man who had been arrested. The event was reported that morning in *El Mercurio*, the national daily which is published under military supervision as the arrest of 300 petty criminals or men who were a danger to the state because they had no jobs.

What happened was that an area of a working class shanty town in North Santiago was surrounded by armed police in full uniform, under cover of the curfew and at about 4 am. A television crew was there. Every male over 15, hearing his papers or passport, was marched out of every house within the net, and they happened to be 300 in number. Some of the doors were burst in with rifle butts and boots. The camera recorded this. During the course of the round-up two of the houses happened to catch on fire and were allowed to burn themselves out. The cameras were not allowed to film the families as the airman to allow the fire brigade to be called, but they declined.

The men were then marched, hands on heads, to the local stadium. Any nocturnal march to a stadium in Chile after the events of September 1973, must be terrifying, but of course this was not the dreadful national stadium in the south of the capital but a local one in the north. This happened on Sunday morning, and by midday everyone was in his room. From his papers that he had a job was sent home. This was about half. Of the rest the healthy young ones were taken to morning camps, or armed police barracks, or armed police barracks.

That was about half of those left. The remainder were taken away to military, air force or naval prisons, and if previous experience was any guide, many of their families might not hear even of their whereabouts for some weeks.

It is not suggested that all these men, or indeed any one of them, would be tortured. That is reserved for open supporters of Allende, but if any of their number were in hiding, wanted by the Junta for supposed political offences, then one may properly fear for their safety. The television showed these incidents but cut the blasting in of doors and burning down of the houses.

On the question of the measure of unemployment, the sample taken may well be thought to have been a fair one.

Yours faithfully,
 JOHN PLATT MILLS,
 Cloisters, Pump Court, EC4.

Future of the NHS

From Sir T. Holmes Sellors
 Sir, The document (your issue October 18) presented by the President and Deans of the Royal Colleges and Faculties to the Secretary of State for Social Services is a timely and authoritative warning as to the state and future of the National Health Service.

From its inception this service has been running on a series of shortages—of buildings, equipment and above all money. The fact that the Health Service has achieved its present position has been largely due to the dedication of its medical and nursing staff who carried over their long-standing tradition of service into a new set of circumstances whose ultimate control is governmental.

In the early days of vital need escaped the calculations of both the professional and the administrative. This was, and is, the explosion of knowledge which has propelled the century towards the twenty-first.

Antibiotics, steroids and new drugs have enlarged the scope of medical care, and advances in surgery, such as heart and brain operations, replacement of joints and kidney transplantation, have made extravagant, but necessary, demands on all resources. Add to this an aging population and the changing pattern of disease and we face a set of circumstances that could not fully have been foreseen at the inception of the service. The current budget (of almost astronomical proportions) however, does not meet the exacting requirements of modern medicine.

The medical profession which has injected so much effort in time and skills into national health is increasingly anxious to know what lies in store. Morale, which was

once so high, is deteriorating so rapidly that a point of no return could easily be reached.

Those working in the Health Service are surely entitled to know if the state is prepared to support a fully comprehensive National Health Service, or be prepared only to offer something that is less than first-class. In the latter event it is imperative that in the interests of British medicine and those for whom it cares, the implications of such a course should be fully appreciated and considered without delay.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
 T. HOLMES SELLORS,
 Spring Coppice Farm,
 Spenning, Aylesbury,
 Buckinghamshire.
 October 18.

On the bureau

From Mr C. F. MacLaren
 Sir, Before your learned readers begin speculating about the curious expression about her husband being "on the brew" (dole), as your issue of October 25 reports, by Judith Ward during her trial at Wakefield, please allow me to draw on my recollection of Scots-Irish vernacular as used in the late twenties and early thirties.

What Miss Ward was saying was "buroo", not "brew". "Buroo" was the pronunciation given in industrial central Scotland in those days to the word "bureau", which had become attached to the office administering unemployment and other benefits. It was pronounced thus as the most rebuke available to those misguided enough to import foreign words into a process already confusing and dismal enough.

Yours, etc.,
 C. F. MACLAREN,
 C. F. Old Post Office,
 Wexbury,
 Nr Brackley, Northamptonshire.
 October 25.

Katyn memorial

From Mr John Phipson
 Sir, With respect, Prince Eugene Lubomirski has missed the point (October 28). No one, so far as I am aware, is opposed in the erection of a lasting memorial in the Poles massacred at Katyn.

The objection is to the nature of the current proposal to erect a 24-foot black granite obelisk surrounded by pine trees in the sunniest part of St Luko's gardens, just where the old people from the many nearby flats like to sit in the sun—as indeed they have been doing whenever the sun has appeared in the past few days. The memorial could as easily be erected elsewhere, and there are many more appropriate places, but the old people of Chelsea have nowhere else as pleasant to sit in the neighbourhood.

It should not be impossible for those who rightly wish to remember the dead to do so without spoiling the enjoyment of the living. I am sure they will try to do so when they realize the true position.

Yours truly,
 JOHN PHIPSON,
 28 St Luke's Street, SW3.
 October 28.

Job monotony

From Professor H. H. Rosenbrock
 Sir, It is true as Mr Gombinski says (October 14) that work is being done in group technology to alleviate the tedium of production jobs. The problem raised by Mr Clayro (October 11) is, however, deeper than this. Existing technology and production machinery have evolved over two hundred years with one narrow objective—to increase production by simplifying the demands on the operator. Changes in organization of the work, using the same production machinery, are unlikely to produce large benefits.

This is a particularly important matter at the present time. With the availability of some computers costing a few pounds, the techniques of production will be revolutionised in the next twenty years. There is a danger that this will be done by producing a race of mechanical robots to replace the human operator. These would provide new competition and hold down wages for the most unskilled types of work, while removing the incentive for changing the production machinery.

On the other hand it would be possible, I believe, by redesigning the production machinery, to offer to the worker the kind of satisfaction and pride in his work which the eighteenth century knew and the industrial revolution destroyed. The choice is a fundamental one, and has to be taken in the next few years. If development goes in the wrong direction, then the dangers will become evident to all only when there is a new, fully-developed technology. Attempts to improve the situation will then meet the same difficulties as Group Technology now meets, and will be constructed by the existing equipment.

My own tentative efforts have disclosed no interest in this problem among Government bodies. Are the trade unions interested? Some work ought to be started soon, but even more it is necessary to create a climate of opinion which will guide the technical developments.

Yours faithfully,
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 Control Systems Centre,
 The University of Manchester,
 Institute of Science and Technology,
 PO Box 88,
 Manchester.

Weasels in line ahead

From Mr Paul M. Robinson
 Sir, I believe weasels in formation must be more normal than we perhaps assume. Only last year I saw a string of weasels crossing the road in front of me like a toy railway train at Alder Lane, Langley Mill, a built-up area in the heart of the D. H. Lawrence country.

What would be the collective noun? A whip—a weal—a collect—a warp or weasels?

Yours faithfully,
 PAUL M. ROBINSON,
 Wansley House,
 Ilkerton, Derbyshire.

Battered wives: Breaking down the myth of the 'sacred front door'

It is an oversimplification to attribute the exposure of a major social evil to any one individual, but as "slavery" evokes the name of Wilberforce, so "battered wives" immediately brings to mind Erin Pizzev, founder of Chiswick Women's Aid, whose book on the subject, *Scream Quietly or the Neighbours Will Hear*, is published tomorrow. Mrs Pizzev became involved in the problems of battered wives three years ago, when the house she had persuaded her local council to hand over as a day centre for women in Chiswick became, through force of circumstance, the only refuge in the country for the victims of domestic violence, both women and their children. Her social conscience had developed much earlier. "When I was six, we lived in Beirut, where my father worked for the Foreign Office. I took some food down to a woman who was starving to death in the street outside our flat. I got into terrible trouble with my mother, on the grounds that it would encourage the others, which it did. I just couldn't understand how rich, white ladies could accept people dying on their doorsteps and think that the way to help was to roll bandages for the Red Cross."

At 20, after two calamitous years as a secretary ("I got fired from every job I ever had because, since I'm dyslexic, I made a rotten shorthand typist"), she married Jack Pizzev—now with BBC television's *Man Alive*. He was then a lieutenant in the Royal Navy, and she went to Singapore with him. "I was a rollicking disaster as a naval wife. The first time I met Jack's captain I was sick all over his

shoes, and I caused all kinds of rows because I 'fraternized with other ranks' wives."

Their first child, Cleo, was born in Singapore. Mrs Pizzev says: "Because I'd been brought up by a succession of ayahs and amahs, or dumped in boarding schools here, I'd never been mothered, so I had no concept of mothering. When Cleo cried, my reaction was anger, not compassion. I was so desperate one night, literally shaking with tension and sleeplessness, that I put a pillow over her face, thinking she'd be better off dead, but, thank God, I came to in time. I see the same thing at Chiswick Women's Aid in the women who batter their children, and I understand what they're feeling because I've been through it."

The problems she faced, she believes, are common enough—no real education for marriage and child-rearing; the "appalling treadmill" working mothers find themselves on, and the lack of facilities for those who stay at home. "You've got the park, the library, the laundrette and the supermarket, and the last three would rather see you on your own."

She read about women's liberation and realized she was not alone. "I joined my local group, but I was looking for something other than the theoretical, hard-line, political chat I got. For a start, I had to look up most of the words in the dictionary before I understood what they were on about." She soon decided that action spoke louder, and more comprehensibly, than words, and started first a service giving shoppers a list of comparative food prices

in the local supermarkets, and then the day centre that became Chiswick Women's Aid. Now, three years on, there are six houses, accommodating 300 women and children. Forty more are run on similar lines all over the country; houses have opened in Australia and Holland, and are about to open in Canada and the United States. "People come from all over the world to learn from what we're doing, and we still don't get any Government funding at all."

But in some areas, attitudes are changing—the law for one. "When we first started going to court, it was rare for a judge to order a man out of the house or deny him access to the children. Now it's happening more and more." In the social services, though, Erin Pizzev finds the situation depressingly unchanged. "We still come up against the 'sacred front door' syndrome, the idea that you can't interfere, no matter what's going on in the home."

In the face of lack of cooperation and often opposition, it is to her credit that her humour and sense of purpose have remained intact. "It's anger that drives me. I don't want any child to go through what kids I know have suffered. It's not too hard on my own children because I make sure they don't lose out, but it's terribly hard on Jack. It can't be easy living with someone who's trying to force social change."

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Gay Search

Lift up your hearts with a bowl of borage



Cordial herbs, "to cheer the heart", have been in use through the ages and still have adherents among modern herbalists and others who use plants according to their ancient traditions.

The big cobalt blue flowers of borage (the plant is thought to have been introduced into Britain by the Romans), grows like a weed in some gardens and has a wide variety of country names that indicate its virtues. It is encouraged by beekeepers and fruit-growers to attract bees to pollinate their apple and pear trees and is called "Beebread". It is also known as "Cool Tankard" and "Vegetable Ice", and the starry flowers are picked to float on top of drinks.

As a heart-cheerer, borage's reputation of bringing courage has recently been enhanced, for it is found to have some ability to stimulate the adrenal glands. Its tradition might have been attributed to its appearance had this interesting fact not come to light. The flowers can "exhilarate and make the mind glad". I once tried to candy some so that they could be eaten as sweets as children are recommended by those in need of "comfort for the heart and to drive away sorrow", but they lost their colour and distinctive shape in the process.

It is easier to candy violet flowers (most old recipe books give instructions), which are

also thought to have heart-comforting propensities. They are coming out in an autumn flush now along lanes and by the edges of woods, and the shape and colour of the flower is enough to comfort anyone—apart from the idea that the young, bright green leaves are thought to be useful cordial ingredients as well. They can be dipped in batter and fried, then sprinkled with orange juice just before they are served.

Alkanet, an herb under the dominion of Venus, and indeed one of her darlings, according to Culpepper, was used in the sixteenth century and later in wine, to restore "those of melancholy and dismal habit" to a more cheerful outlook. The blue flowers are smaller than those of borage, but much the same colour and the plants, should you so desire it, will spread alarmingly in most gardens.

But the most tempting of all the cordial herbal concoctions can be made into a conserve (I have no recipe) from the petals of damask roses. Hippocrates included the rose in his collection of "simples" and a later herbalist recommended that they should be "taken in the morning and fasting at night, to strengthen the heart and take away the shakings and tremblings thereof."

Alison Ross

Frustrations of looking after a child with a handicap

Four days after my second son was born, he still looked like a shrivelled old man while the other children in the hospital grew fat and healthy-looking. Six weeks later a surgeon performed a hi-lateral ureterostomy upon him, by-passing the bladder and bringing the ureters to the surface of the body. This operation probably saved his life. Since then his urine, over which he has no control, has spurting out of two holes in his stomach.

While his condition (constricted and dilated ureters) was rare, the operation did not seem to be, at least in Sheffield where he was born. No one in the hospital found him unduly remarkable.

During the uncertainty of the first few weeks, when we thought that he had only one kidney and might die, I spent much of my time in hospital. I saw children with huge heads, children like vegetables and children about to die. I noticed the acceptance of disability by the average child and by the average mother, and I was impressed. I thought I had nothing to grumble about.

But when I returned to the Welsh village where I live, I began to complain. My son was the only case of ureterostomy in North Wales, and no one knew quite what to do with him.

The locum to whom I first reported the operation was the kind of Welshman who cannot resist talking to a woman. "Good gracious me", he said, leaning back in his chair. I noted his hat and his dog on the surgery bed. Only in Wales, I thought, would one find a dog on the bed rather than a patient. My own doctor, on his return from holiday, peered at the baby's stomach and said: "I've never seen one of those before. It's amazing what they do nowadays."

At the Welsh hospital where my son is taken for regular urine tests, everyone is very nice. "Just try to keep him dry", said one doctor. Of course, one can't. We tried wrapping the baby in thin plastic sheet (which tears), thick plastic (which cannot be tied), plastic sheet plus tapes (which tear off immediately), and disposable nappies which dispose themselves in small pieces all over the house but which block the lavatory.

Now the boy is older, we have tried to fit him with plastic urine bags. The clinic in Sheffield was crowded on bag-fitting day. Urine disposal was the subject of the hour (or, rather, two hours).

"They don't work," said one mother. "You won't get everything on prescription," said another.

But first get the bags. Another locum wrote out the first prescription. "All this, every month," he said. "And how is the child? Psychologically, I mean?"

"Psychologically," I said, "he's the sanest person I know. But we are all going mad. And my elder son, who is no longer in the limelight, is extremely jealous."

Our village chemist studied the prescription, then said he had never heard of such things and that they were not available on the National Health. Shaking with rage, I said I would write to my MP. I also telephoned the local hospital. The prescription arrived. So did 300 bags from the hospital.

Now my son, looking like some creature from Greek mythology, half-child, half-cow, shows his leaking udder-shaped bags to everyone. I am not grumbling. The National Health Service is a wonderful thing. So is ureterostomy. I have a happy, healthy, handsome, oisy, naughty, normal child. Well, perhaps I'm just grumbling a bit.

Dr Hugh Jolly, our paediatrician, writes: Ureterostomy is an uncommon operation which is performed when there is an obstruction—usually congenital—to both ureters. The ureters are the tubes which lead the urine from the kidneys to the bladder, and there is one on each side.

A more common operation is to isolate a piece of intestine (joining up the two ends this creates) and then to transplant the two ureters into this isolated loop of intestine. The advantage of this operation is that one end of the loop of intestine can be brought to the surface of the skin, being allowed to protrude as a spout. This single spout makes it much easier to fit the bag than is the case with the two ureterostomy openings.

It must be emphasized that the isolated loop of intestine is intentionally small so that it cannot act as a bladder to hold the urine. This would cause dangerous complications since it could not contract like a normal bladder to empty itself. Also, urine could be absorbed back into the body, which is not possible in the case of urine lying in the bladder.

The sole aim, therefore, of the isolated loop operation is to create an artificial spout so that a bag can be fitted to the abdomen to collect urine without leakage.

The usual reason for a surgeon deciding to perform the operation of ureterostomy, rather than the isolated loop of intestine operation, is that he has reason to hope that later on the condition will improve to the point that he can rejoin the ureters to the bladder. Sometimes, when the ureters are very dilated, he performs the operation as a first stage towards the isolated loop operation. With the obstruction removed, the ureters get smaller again so that their subsequent implantation into the isolated loop of intestine is easier and more likely to be successful.

The only handicap to the child from both these operations is the nuisance of having to wear a bag to collect the urine. The operations are performed both for boys and girls, and later sexual function is not affected.



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Government aid for ailing machine tool maker Alfred Herbert

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke Financial Editor

Financial aid is to be made available by the Government to Alfred Herbert, the former giant of the British machine tool industry.

Mr Herbert's plight has been obvious for some time, and Mr Benn now confirms that he has been in touch with the situation for the past several months.

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Edward Bates selling American oil interests

By Andrew Wilson

Edward Bates has agreed to sell for \$5.4m (about £2.3m) its wholly owned Bates Oil Corporation which last summer spent \$12m on oil royalties and leases in the United States.

The assets being acquired by Atlantic Assets are production interests in Canada and particularly in the southern United States. Of the \$5.4m consideration, \$500,000 will be settled in United States currency and the remainder in the sterling equivalent with Atlantic also lending \$2.6m.

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Index shows sharp fall on Wall St crash anniversary

Frank Frank Voel Washington, Oct 29

Today—the 45th anniversary of Wall Street's "Black Tuesday" of 1929—saw the publication here of the sharpest fall in the Composite Index of General Economic Indicators for 23 years—mainly because of a heavy fall in stock prices.

Wall Street neglected the anniversary of the start of the great crash, largely because of increasing evidence of an easing by the Federal Reserve Board of monetary policies. Money market experts said they expected the prime lending rate to fall below 11 per cent in the near future.

The index of leading indicators fell 2.5 per cent to 1971.9 (1967=100), after falling by 1.6 per cent in August, the Department of Commerce stated.

It registered such positive factors as a modest decline in industrial prices and a modest rise in orders for capital goods. But these were offset by the continued decline in new housing permits, by a fall of about \$3,000m in \$46,300m in new orders for durable goods and by a severe fall in stock prices. The share market index fell

CBI presses Healey for cut in corporation tax

By Malcolm Brown

A team from the Confederation of British Industry pressed Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, last night to reduce corporation tax from 52 per cent to 35 per cent in the financial year 1973-74.

The team gave a warning that unless industry's cash and profitability situation was improved in the Budget on November 12, the country faced industrial bankruptcy, a cutting back in operations and rising unemployment.

After the 75-minute meeting, Mr Ralph Batesman, President of the CBI said: "If things go as they are companies' operations are bound to be cut back and that means necessarily redundancies".

The team told Mr Healey that in addition to the reduction in corporation tax, the withdrawal and repayment of the surcharge on advance corporation tax which was introduced in the March Budget, and significant changes to the treatment of stock appreciation for tax purposes.

The CBI is suggesting that businesses should have the option to deduct 90 per cent of the difference between their opening and closing stock from taxable profits.

The CBI estimates that removal of price control could be effected at a small cost—something around 1.5 per cent in terms of the Retail Price Index.

This package, including the abolition of price control, is estimated by CBI economists, would release £2,400m in industry and commerce in 1974-75 and £3,750m in 1975-76.

The change in the method of valuing stock for tax purposes alone would pump £1,000m back into the system in 1974-75, and £1,600m in 1975-76.

In a paper put to the Chancellor, the CBI calculates that the financial deficit of industry and commerce this year—the financial balance being the difference between undistributed income plus net capital transfers and expenditure on domestic investment in new fixed capital stock and work in progress—will be more than £3,000m.

Industry's net liquidity position—liquid financial assets minus bank advances—is now running at minus £6,500m the CBI calculates, and the shares of growth trading profits in total domestic income is forecast at only 7 per cent this year compared with an average of 15 per cent in the 1950s.

Mr Batesman said that it was essential for the Government, not only to help improve industry's cash and profitability situation, but also to improve businessmen's confidence. It was no good, he said, the Government putting right profitability and cash unless it was prepared also to do something to make private enterprise work. The Government must allow companies to earn profits and pay dividends on that system by which industry traditionally raise funds should be revived.

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Insurance protection scheme explained

By Margaret Stone

Mr Peter Shire, Secretary of State for Trade, was quick off the mark yesterday in giving details of the legislation to provide additional protection for policyholders of insurance companies outlined in the Queen's Speech.

As widely expected, the additional protection takes the form of an obligatory protection scheme to be financed entirely by all sections of the insurance industry. Both the British Insurance Association and the Life Offices' Association have come out strongly against this kind of blanket guarantee. The scheme, which became operational from yesterday, covers policyholders in respect of both life and non-life policies. Funds in the central pool will be available for policyholders of insurance companies which go into liquidation. Claims would, in general, be met to the extent of at least 90 per cent.

The scheme will not be made retrospective to cover the policyholders in the failed Nation Life Insurance company, now in liquidation.

The compulsory levy on the insurance industry will amount to not more than 1 per cent of premium income. It has been estimated that a 1 per cent levy will provide an annual inflow of around £50m into the scheme.

However, Mr Stone pointed out that in some years the levy might not be necessary. In a joint statement the Life Offices' Association and the British Insurance Association have raised their objections to any kind of all-embracing guarantee scheme, which, they point out, "must inevitably fall on the insuring public in terms of increased premiums, diminished benefits, or both."

The full details of the new scheme have yet to be worked out. These include questions such as whether the life and non-life companies should contribute to a central pool or whether there should be separate funds.

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Mr Lever to lead oil discussions

By Roger Vielvoye

Negotiations between the Government and the larger oil companies about state participation in North Sea oil finds are expected to be well under way by the time the Petroleum Bill is presented in the new year.

Denied talks between the Government team led by Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, assisted by Mr Edmund Dell, Paymaster-General, and Lord Balguy, Minister of State at the Department of Energy and leaders of the oil companies will be given priority to the coming months.

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Ports nationalization appears to be shelved

By Edward Townsend

The National Association of Port Employers criticized the Government for making an attempt to justify the proposals and for not spelling out compensation details.

The British Ports Association was quick to point out that 80 per cent of the nation's overseas trade already passes through publicly-owned ports and private ports such as Felixstowe and Manchester had been particularly successful.

However, the Government did announce in the Queen's Speech that it would be publishing proposals to ensure comprehensive safeguards for employment in the docks.

Nationalization of the shipbuilding industry announced yesterday brought immediate reaction from the Shipbuilders' and Repairers' National Association, which said it regretted the move and complained about lack of consultations on the alternative proposals it put to the Government in September.

The proposals, which include setting up a National Ports Authority to replace the purely advisory National Ports Council, were regarded as less controversial than the Labour Government's plans of 1969, but criticized for their vagueness.

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'Aggressive' Japanese copper sales attacked

By John Woodland

An attack has been launched on Japan's "aggressive" campaign of disposing of surplus copper.

Speaking at the opening of the Intergovernmental Committee of Copper Exporting Countries (Cuppec) meeting in Lima, Mr David Bates, head of the Peruvian delegation, said the sales had caused the deterioration and had disorganized the world copper market.

Because of Japan's policy, he said, the price had dropped from between £1,300 and £1,400 a tonne at the beginning of the year to less than £600 a tonne. Yesterday the cash price closed at £574.50 a tonne—a fall of £23 a tonne on the day.

The present meeting will study the means to combat the "aggressive" measures.

Whether by design or accident, Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) announced in Tokyo soon after the Cuppec meeting had started that Japan would have a large surplus of nearly 500,000 tonnes by March 31. This, the ministry, said must be exported or stockpiled.

However, it declined to say what priority would be given to the export of surplus sales because of the fall in the London Metal Exchange price and criticism from copper exporting countries, about 250,000 tonnes have been sold since February.

MITI has asked the finance ministry to provide special loans of about 40,000m yen (around £5m) to stockpile the equivalent of 80,000 tonnes of copper.

Japan's copper consumption is expected to drop by about 300,000 tonnes to 540,000 tonnes, while production is estimated at about 120,000 tonnes more, at 1,080,000 tonnes. Imports are expected to be little changed at 180,000 tonnes.

In Lima, the four Cuppec countries (Chile, Peru, Zaire and Zambia), now commanding about 70 per cent of world copper production, will consider requests from other countries to join the group.

Particularly interested are Mexico and Algeria, while other possible new members are Australia, Poland and Canada.

Calm reaction in the city

City reaction to the Queen's Speech was calm, with investors taking the view that the Government's proposals were in line with expectations.

Equities, after a pause, resumed their upward trend in the hope of inflationary moves in the Budget. The FT index closed 4.8 up at 203.4, and The Times index 1.54 higher at 79.05. Gold shares fell with the bullion price.

L & G offers insurance linked with price rises

By Margaret Stone

Two insurance policies linked to the increases in the cost of living were announced yesterday by Legal and General Assurance.

Both the contracts are variations on term assurance. One is a family income benefit plan, providing a regular income for the policyholder's family after his death; the other is a personal accident policy providing, among other benefits, a regular short-term income during a temporary absence from work.

Japan worried by hint of moves to protect European shipyards

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Oct. 29

Europe's leading shipbuilders, who were bluntly told today that they had only themselves or their own governments to blame for a decline in the industry, were warned that Japan, as the world's greatest shipbuilding nation, would step up production considerably next year while European capacity would increase only in a marginal way.

This blunt and forthright warning was issued by Mr Gaetano Cortesi, chairman of the Council of European Builders of Large Ships, shortly after the 1974 Sea Trade Conference opened in Tokyo today.

carriers continued to pursue a chauvinistic policy.

Reviewing the factors which led to the decline in the European shipbuilding industry, Mr Cortesi pointed out to the conference that 20 years ago Europe had manufactured 72 per cent of the world's total deliveries, but by last year its share had shrunk to 39 per cent.

On the other hand, Japan during the same 20-year period, became the greatest shipbuilder in the world. Her 1973 deliveries were 21 times those of 1953 and have jumped up to 14 per cent of the world total.

position would appear, however, somewhat less than that resulting from the 72 per cent to 39 per cent increase, as referred to total world deliveries.

Chiding European shipbuilders for their lack of foresight and praising the Japanese for their ability to restructure their industry to meet changing trends, Mr Cortesi said: "Let us ask ourselves why this decline? Will it continue? What are the factors affecting the European shipbuilding industry?"

Mr Cortesi went on to stress that he did not believe that the shipbuilding industry had declined in Europe because technology and quality had deteriorated. "The European decline, from an over-simple arithmetic point of view, is due to a rate of expansion lower than that of the world market."

£4m Amoco expansion at Milford Haven

Amoco is to begin a £4m expansion of a Milford Haven refinery.

Processing capacity will be raised from 80,000 barrels to 100,000 barrels a day and extra storage space for 1.5 million barrels.

The plant came on stream less than a year ago and the additional capacity will be achieved by the construction of a new crude furnace and the expansion of the Ultrahomer which produces high octane petrol. Work is expected to be completed by the winter of 1975-76.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

National unity: the chaotic difficulty of running a business in Britain today

From Mr M. T. Wilson

Sir, The Prime Minister, backed by the Leader of the Opposition, has appealed for national unity and for everyone "to play their part in the fight to get Britain strong again".

It appears that cash will be made available towards these ends, but I wonder whether either political leadership has any real concept of the difficulties of running a business in this country at the moment, particularly a company attempting to develop sales overseas.

Interesting dilemma for Government over HS 146

From Mr P. W. Agnew

Sir, Hawker Siddeley have presented the Government with an interesting dilemma. Cancellation of the HS 146 project would cause a potentially useful team of technical staff to be disbanded, and possibly also unemployed; to continue it would involve spending government money without much prospect of a return, and this would increase the rate of inflation.

There is, however, a third alternative. That is to set the people concerned to work on something that is likely to lead to useful results.

Orders for new constructions show increase

Provisional construction figures published by the Department of the Environment yesterday show a rising volume of new orders, but on the basis of constant prices below the level of a year ago.

UK imports of farm machinery near export level

Although British exports of agricultural machinery were likely to reach a new record in value terms this year, imports to this country had come closer than ever to overtaking exports, the Agricultural Engineers' Association said yesterday.

Hopes of peace in one dispute at Vickers

There were strong hopes last night of agreement being reached in one of the two pay disputes which has made 12,000 workers idle at the Vickers shipyard, Barrow-in-Furness.

French fear slowdown

French companies expect a slowdown in production as a result of rising stocks and smaller order books, according to the latest survey of industry by the National Statistical Institute.

Deutsche Philips cut

Deutsche Philips GmbH said it will lay off production staff at its household and car light bulb plant at Aachen and nearby Aldenhoven for four days around Christmas and the New Year and for a week in January.

Japan has surplus

Japan's overall balance of payments registered a \$128m (nearly £55m) surplus in September, the first such net inflow in 19 months, the Finance Ministry said yesterday in a revised report.

Iran loan for water

The National Water Council has taken up \$400m (£171m) of the \$1,200m loan arranged between the Iranian and British governments earlier this year.

Australian dismissals

Joseph Lucas (Australia), a subsidiary of Joseph Lucas (Industries) of the United Kingdom, will dismiss 54 employees. A company spokesman blamed a fall-off demand from Leyland of Australia and from other customers.

Soviet gas deal

A German consortium said it has agreed with Soviet agencies on a third natural gas-for-pipes deal under which Russia will deliver at least 2,500 million cu metres of gas annually in return for 950,000 tonnes of heavy pipe to be financed by a German bank consortium.

Association decides on levy to boost funds

A new system to finance improved supervision and control of advertisements was launched by the Advertising Association yesterday.

Advertising & marketing

These were issued by both the Director-General of Fair Trading and the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection at the association's conference in May.

Expenditure

There were big decreases in the sums spent on press and television advertising in September on tobacco products, household appliances and motors.

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devoted to increasing public awareness of the control mechanism. Also, there are expected to be substantial donations of free advertising space from the media.

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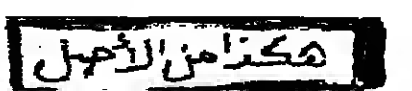
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Gilts and gold shares ahead of the Budget

Waiting for a significant trend to establish itself in the stock market seems rather like waiting for Godot these days. First we were waiting for the election. Now we are waiting for Mr Healey's Budget on November 12. And whether even that will give the market a prod in one direction or the other remains to be seen. Certainly—and much as one would have expected—there was nothing in the Queen's Speech yesterday to stir Throgmorton Street out of its torpor. Gilts finished little changed and equities slightly firmer, largely on relief that nothing unexpectedly nasty emerged. Once again, the main action was confined to the gold mining sector where, on balance, prices finished marginally easier. And it seems more than likely that it will be golds, along with gilts, that will be attracting most of the attention in the week of November 12. Followers of the gold-sector will be looking for the fulfilment of chart predictions of a metal price moving towards the \$200 mark, and a further slight easing in the Middle East situation. As far as gilts are concerned, there could be favourable influences at work for the short end of the market over the next couple of weeks on the prospect of a further slight easing in international interest rates and the investment of end month oil payments. But, for all that, both the short and long ends of the market are going to remain highly nervous until it is clear just how the Chancellor proposes to tread the inflationary/reflationary tightrope and the impact that his proposals have on sterling.

Nationalization Valuation problems

In the wake of the Queen's Speech there can be very little doubt that the Labour Party's long-standing commitment to nationalization of the shipbuilding and aircraft manufacturing industries will be fulfilled to the life-time of this Parliament. That leaves investors in these two sectors with a major problem in reassessment, and their success depends upon the answers to two questions. What, for a start, will be the nationalization terms? And to what in the case of those companies for whom nationalization will mean dismemberment but not elimination—Vickers, Hawker Siddeley—will the proceeds be devoted? To the first, there is no answer. This is partly because the extent of the Government's nationalization plans has yet to be spelled out. Will, for example, the nationalization of Hawker Siddeley's aircraft interests extend to its missile division? But it is partly also a reflection of the fact that, particularly in the case of these two companies, a valuation based on market capitalization over a period of time will not apply. Since Vickers and Hawker Siddeley are to remain in being, it is a basis for valuing parts of their activities, rather than the groups as a whole, which will have to be found. And that basis is likely to become a matter of hot debate. This is particularly so in the case of Vickers, where the interests to be nationalized include not only the 50 per cent stake in BAC which earns a very high return on capital employed, but also the narrow shipbuilding division, which is asset rich and is believed to produce a very low return indeed—some estimates put it as low as 3.4 per cent. Obviously, it would be the interests of Vickers—and its shareholders—to have the former valued on its earnings potential, and the latter on its assets. This, however, presupposes a degree of generosity which the

Labour Government, with its comfortable majority over any likely coalition, is very unlikely to display. But at least Vickers, with its 12 per cent average return on capital employed, will not have the same problems as Hawker Siddeley in adequately replacing the profits earned by its shipbuilding and aircraft manufacturing industries. Hawker's problem is that its average return on capital employed is in any case high—24 per cent last year—and the return within the aerospace division is believed to be considerably higher than that. Aerospace contributed £18.8m to total group profits of £48m before interest and tax last year; and to get an equivalent return at current short money rates the compensation would have to be in the region of £150m. The group's current capitalization is less than £20m. The implications are two-fold. In the first place Hawker's profits are bound to take a tumble in the short-term, after nationalization. Although its other divisions are healthy, and its dividend cover very good, so that this is unlikely to affect the yield. And in the second place the group is going to be on the lookout for the kind of acquisitions to which can apply its first class management skills, and which it can purchase at a discount to asset value, to produce the speediest possible recovery.

BSR Double-edged sword

The closure of three out of four factories by Glenburn Engineering, Dr Daniel McDonald's second venture into the record changer business, presents a double-edged sword to investors in BSR. On the one hand Glenburn's results for the year were precipitated by slumping world demand might be thought to carry implications for BSR, which competes in very much the same markets. Alternatively, the elimination of a new and vigorous rival for BSR's well-earned reputation might be construed as wholly beneficial. The stock market had the shares only 1p lower at 42p yesterday, so was clearly undecided on the merits of the case. For the time being, however, BSR is sticking to the guard rails. It is expected that last month at the time of the interim results. Admittedly the view can be put that Glenburn, as the relative newcomer, is merely feeling the squeeze first, and that BSR's buoyancy can be partly explained also by rising market share as a result of Garrard's switch to new selling arrangements.

Already highly unusual in form when announced in May, the paper offer by G. D. Searle, the American pharmaceuticals group for Gold Cross Hospital Supplies, seems to have created another precedent: it has taken to get the offer documents out. Meanwhile the value of Searle's bid has fallen by 34.7 per cent and now values Gold Cross shares at 55p against 85p originally. That means the exit price has dropped from 183 to 111 in terms of GC's latest 12 months' earnings. The arguments for Gold Cross shareholders accepting a paper offer, were never strong and look even weaker now. A cash offer at the original £11m level would have meant a 50 per cent uplift on its acquisition for Searle, but a cash offer now even below the present £7.2m value of the bid (which compares with a capitalization of £30m) might be seen as a highly acceptable while minimizing the good will amortization.

meets in the United States. It may be, however, that Glenburn's attempt to build itself into a powerful force in the market over a very short period of time involved it in other difficulties than simply those of inadequate demand. In which case BSR's view of market conditions looks realistic and, on a longer view, Glenburn's difficulties could be bullish for BSR.

Brooke Bond More difficult year ahead

Brooke Bond has comfortably exceeded the forecast made at the time of the Baxters bid, even after stripping out a £44,000 maiden three months contribution from the acquisition, with preliminary pre-tax profits of £19.1m against £16.6m. And this is struck before adjustments in the basis of stock valuations which added some £2.6m to 1973 profits and reduced those for the latest 12 months by £531,000. At the same time, however, growth slowed in the second half, leaving pre-tax profits 15 per cent ahead after a jump of more than a fifth at the half way stage. And, within that, overseas contributions made more of the running. Reduced losses in the French operation round on the Continent, while devaluation benefited profits to the tune of £600,000. Even so, there was still growth in United Kingdom profits. So far so good, then, but in the current year the group will have to face the full force of the cold winds blowing through the food manufacturing sector, unless the Budget brings some relief. The shares appeared bappy enough to move up 4p to 27p yesterday, indicating a fully diluted prospective p/e of around 4.9 and a yield of 12.2 per cent. But, with some three quarters of the group's earnings coming from overseas, this is not the best speculation on an easing of food price and margin controls. **Final: 1973-74 (1972-73)** Capitalization £42.5m Sales £379m (£308m) Pre-tax profits £19.5m (£16.6m) * Earnings per share 6.65p (6.25p) Dividend gross 3.29p (3.14p) * Fully diluted.

United Carriers Increasing market share

A first half profits slip on a useful rise in the only bad news from United Carriers. The interim dividend goes up by the maximum permitted and the latest news is that the group is well placed to grow and that margins have now levelled out. The latest accounts pinpointed rising wages and diesel oil pressing against fixed prices. Well, diesel oil is 12 per cent dearer than six months ago, but carriage charges have since gone up by 11 per cent. Parcel carriers are supposed to suffer quickly on any turndown in industrial activity but United find that the only impact so far is customers wanting smaller loads carried about. The shares rested at 111p on the latest news and, even on last year's dividend, the yield is 20 per cent while the prospective p/e is less than three. If that says loads about market fears for the economy in 1975, it also suggests anxiety on any government plans for the longer-term future of the road haulage industry. **Interim: 1974 (1973)** Capitalization £14.2m Sales £4m (£3.6m) Pre-tax profits £0.57m (£0.59m) Dividend gross 0.78p (0.73p)

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH

Green light for the 'irreversible shift of power'



Neale Raine, managing director and chief executive of Alfred Herbert, who last night joined the new board of the National Enterprise Board, discussing with Mr Benn how the Government can help sort out their problems.

Industry received a sharp reminder last night why Anthony Wedgwood Benn feels an urgent need for a new capability within Whitehall to deal with industrial emergencies. Alfred Herbert, Britain's biggest machine tool manufacturer and a firm of some strategic importance, is now a case for section 3 treatment under the Industry Act. Coming as it does on top of Ferrard and Court Line, this not unexpected new candidate for assistance provides a timely illustration that the state, like it or not, has increasingly to come to the rescue of private industry. It is in dealing with such cases that Mr Benn wants new options and better machinery. Whatever yesterday's Queen's Speech commitments to setting up a new system of help, there may be a danger, amid the clause by clause combat in the Commons on the ensuing legislation, in ignoring the real problems in dealing with interim with troubled parts of industry. The existing Industry Act, a Conservative measure, was reasonably far sighted in its provisions for extending Whitehall's powers to deal with such cases. But there are difficulties at present in the state's assuming temporary responsibilities towards companies with boards whose duties are divided by the Companies Act and not the Industry Act. What the Queen's Speech did not spell out was whether the Secretary of State for Industry is to get a government manager, or trustee, to help in setting up special situations when bankers get tough and capital markets shy at risks. Perhaps more will emerge in the next few days of Commons debate. Meanwhile, after the election and yesterday's statement of the parliamentary programme for industry, Mr Benn is already embarked on the hard part of his task. This is the legislative phase of the "irreversible shift" towards more public ownership of industry and more accountability by the private sector.

There can be no doubt that many industrialists are hostile to the idea of public ownership and say that it is the damage done by governments to their profitability that needs attention. As one businessman said yesterday: "If they stopped clobbering us, there would be less need for state aid." It was part of the message carried last night to the Chancellor by a CBI deputation looking for something other than Mr Benn's planning agreements or whatever. Parliamentary draftsmen are already hard at work preparing a new Industry Act and amending statutes—the necessary requirement for creating a National Enterprise Board, redefining the terms for state aid to industry and introducing company planning agreements. The Department of Industry has already begun to grapple with the complications of nationalizing the aircraft industry, even if work on shipbuilding takeovers is somewhat more advanced. While Mr Benn and his advisers get their heads down, other departments will be securing their share of the intervention business, such as the Environment Department with the docks (are they to be nationalized or not?) and the area of North Sea participation. No less vital will be the actions of Prices and Consumer Protection in setting future profit and price monitoring arrangements. The

So the few lines in the Queen's Speech on industrial policy should leave no one in any doubt that this is going to be a very important Parliament for businessmen. The future of companies, whether they are small or large, is a matter of North Sea oil operator, is in the balance. Whitehall's whole capability for talking to, dealing with, or showing industry around is about to be drastically reshaped. As the legislation is written down, Mr Benn has promised to consult, as the phrase runs, with both sides of industry on planning agreements. The talks are also to embrace the National Economic Development Council. Like the elastic social contract, an agreement made between Government, a company and its employees to provide information about such matters as investment, prices and export policies will not be enforceable at law. But parties to a three-year, or so, agreement will have a carrot dangled before them, guaranteed by legislation, that the terms of any state aid granted will not be varied during the period of the agreement. Mr Benn cheerfully declares that industry will cooperate, whatever some eminent industrialists may have said, without his or other departments having to resort to certain as yet unspecified reserve powers to obtain some of their secrets. There will not be a statutory requirement upon a company to conclude an agreement, but what happens if its unions demand one is an interesting question to ring at Mr Benn in the promised consultations come about. What the Government is after is much of the information that any well-run company provides internally under its own planning arrangements and accounting systems. The

Insurance: over-kill to protect the policyholder

"Does the existence of the rescue fund mean that it no longer matters which insurance company I take out a policy with in the future?" This question was put by a bewildered travel correspondent who had wandered by mistake into Peter Shore's insurance press conference yesterday. The Secretary of State for Trade had no answer. For clearly the new security arrangements for policyholders, outlined in the Queen's Speech and later elaborated upon by Mr Shore, can be taken to mean just that. If policyholders in over-generous, under-capitalized, mis-managed or fraudulently run insurance companies are to be bailed out by the rest of the industry, then indeed it does not matter which company one chooses. Clearly a charter for dubious insurance companies is the last thing the Department of Trade has in mind, but its hasty response to the problems of failed or failing insurance companies which have recently bedevilled the insurance industry does, without adequate safeguards, prompt this reaction. It will also have the unfortunate effect of antagonizing the bulk of the insurance industry, not to mention its policyholders, who are being asked to condone in others activities which it would never countenance for itself. No one would deny Mr Shore's statement that there are certain types of financial wrongdoings for which there should be greater guarantees than for others. And insurance, particularly life insurance which represents for many people the bulk of their savings, clearly comes into this category. The question rather is what is the best way of providing this protection? The answer is to hand in the Insurance Companies Amendment Act, 1973. At the moment this is a piece of skeletal legislation desperately in need of acquiring some flesh in the form of appropriate regulations. It is a pity that the crisis in the insurance industry occurred so soon after this Act was passed, because it is almost certain that it could have prevented some of the failures. However, as the cliché says, good can come out of ill, and the recent events in the insurance industry have had the effect of concentrating both the minds of

insurers and Department of Trade officials on the contents of some of the regulations which should be forthcoming. For example, it is clear that stricter ratios between capital and the amount of business a company can write will be required. Other more contentious issues are bound to be revived, too. The question of who is a "fit and proper" person to run an insurance company will be fuelled by the knowledge that some of the later entrants into the insurance field have been using that side of the business as a feeder to group profits elsewhere. The department, one must assume, will be debating whether the insurance industry's great investment freedom is too costly a privilege for them to retain. This is what the protection of policyholders is all about. There might be a place for a rescue fund—and it is probably better in make it obligatory so that all contribute their fair share, rather than leaving a few, more specially motivated, companies to pick up the tabs in a series of ad hoc rescue operations. But it should be in the nature of the ultimate "fail-safe" not the main plank of protection proposals. The compulsory protection scheme is the final chapter in the long-drawn-out insurance saga which began with the Fire and Marine Act of 1966, went through the collapse of Vehicle and General Insurance a few years later and has more recently seen the failure of Nation Life Insurance and the clerical-hour rescue of London Indemnity and General Insurance and other companies which had introduced over-guaranteed income bonds. From the very beginning it has been obvious that tougher legislation was the only and correct solution to the problem of insolvent insurance companies. The rescue fund is nothing but a postscript to the Insurance Companies Act. But in its anxiety to be seen to be coming to grips with the problem, the Government is elevating that postscript to a central position. The result is that many prospective policyholders really will think it does not matter which insurance company they choose; but it does, and should, continue to matter.

Margaret Stone

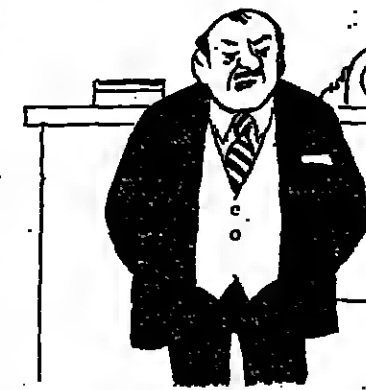
Even bolder will be the task of taking over the Hawker Siddeley aircraft business and putting this together with the British Aircraft Corporation (BAC) which has been burdened with problems, even if its shareholders may not protest too much if the terms are right). Now Mr Benn is to proceed as, as one civil servant put it yesterday, "ambiguous". Whitehall studies had been under way before Labour's return in February on effecting an airframe merger, stopping short of nationalization and vaguely pointing in a European direction. What has been absent from the White Paper *The Regeneration of British Industry* and other documents and speeches has been any estimate of the cost of Labour's industrial programme. At least the legislation, when Bills are published, will give some figures. If the whippers are right, then the National Enterprise Board may start its life with a facility to draw on £200m, or more, but it is anyone's guess what valuation these days can be put on airframe or shipbuilding assets.

Maurice Corina

Business Diary: The lump that won't go down

One person who—must have groaned audibly as he heard the Queen's Speech yesterday—is Bob Mellish. Ten years or so ago, as joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Housing, Mellish stomped across the floor of a provincial dance hall, the gentlemen of the press in train, positively foaming at the mouth at the ineptitudes of Jerry-building and its chief proponents, the "lump" men. Yesterday's promise in the Queen's Speech that "proposals will be brought forward to tackle the abuses of the lump", will be painfully familiar to Mellish. Having wheeled, cajoled and twisted arms both in Government and Opposition to get something done about the abuse he now sees the issue surface for the umpteenth time. In 1967 Ray Gunter, then Minister of Housing, and Reg Prentice, who was Minister of Public Building and Works, set up the Phelps Brown Committee to look into the lump. It reported in 1968, to be followed by a deafening silence. Then in 1970 John Silkin, a man who did not much like being Minister of Public Building and Works himself but as a lawyer knew a good bit of law-making when he saw it, introduced the Construction Industry Contracts Bill, only to see it sink without trace at the same hour as a general election intervened.

Silkin was followed into the lists by Eric Heffer, whose Walton, Liverpool, constituency is familiar with the lump. Liverpool being the spiritual home of the practice. But Heffer had the indignity of seeing his private member's Bill talked out. Enter Paul Channon, son of diarist "Chips" Channon and Minister for Housing and Construction in the last Conservative government. He asked Desmond Misselbrook, a businessman and academic steeped in the ways of the construction industry after several years as chairman of the Little Neddies for building and civil engineering, to report on the lump. Swift Misselbrook was, but not as swift as the February election and he thereby found himself reporting to Reg Fresson, Minister for Housing and Construction in the last Conservative government. Behind all these toings and froings have been measures aimed at closing gaps in the around practitioners of the lump, among whom are the worst defrauders of the Inland Revenue. These fall down, since the men who work the lump are no great respecters of the law, particularly tax law. Mellish, who has never disguised his ambition to be Britain's housing supremo, could well find at the end of the day that the lump is a general election intervened.



Hollowood

"Ever since you were a baby we've paid into a fund for your public school education, but I'm sure you'll agree that the house badly needs painting both inside and out." The job he always wanted at just about the time when the Government's new lump measure reached the statute book. Like the end of the lump, it would be something like justice. **Fair's fair** Honestly, chaps, that bit in the Queen's Speech promising legislation "with the aim of ending sex discrimination" is a clear warning to set some bright young executives assessing the company's liability to barrow men from discontented females. The Government's proposals, embodied in *'Equality for Women'*, a White Paper issued a year ago last month, will have wide-ranging effects for employers of women. And even before the new law arrives upon the statute book, it

Possible flashpoints? Well, it would become unlawful for partners of professional firms, to discontinue qualified women in the selection of other partners. The banking and insurance industry will be wide open because of its poor track record in the proportion of girls on day release courses, even worse than the national average, which is about one in 10 girls compared with four in 10 boys. Newspapers like this one would be unable, except in closely defined circumstances, to publish advertisements specifying that only men or only women need apply. Already, under the Consumer Credit Act, the Director General of Fair Trading is required to take into account any discriminatory practices in employment or the provision of services by applicants for standard licences. The difference between the proposals of this Government and that of the Tories is that the Labour Act will have teeth—bluntish at first, but if American experience is anything to go by, likely to be honed sharp as the pressure groups begin to pick holes in the workings of the Act. In any case, there is to be an Equal Opportunities Commission able to take up "significant" cases of discrimination, to issue warning notices and, if necessary, to enforce them through the courts. Women involved in "insignificant" cases will be legally aided to air their grievances before independent conciliators or industrial tribunals.

Within the next week or so we may expect critical comment from a working party of the Institute of Personnel Management, which savaged Tory proposals for their ineffectiveness. Personnel Management used to be "women's work" until after the war, when IFM male members rose from two thirds to three quarters between 1957 and 1971—at which time nearly half the job advertisements in the institute journal specified "male only required". **Maundy bonus** The Queen has shown the way to regard to equal pay and opportunity. This spring Her Majesty will be 49, and 49 descending old men and 49 equally deserving old women will accordingly be selected for the traditional distribution of Maundy Money. Until the 1970s the men got more than the women, but the situation has been equalized happily and hastily in line with the Equal Pay Act, which comes into force on December 29 next year. Each beneficiary will receive two gifts: a red purse containing £3 in lieu of provisions and clothing that they used to get; and a white purse containing as many pennies as the Maunday is old in silver 1p, 2p, 3p and 4p pieces. A nuisance to the organizers, but a bonus for the recipients, is that as they leave the ceremony the maundy beneficiaries are pestered by coin dealers anxious to buy their loot. The going rate for the silver coins next spring is likely to be, on inflationary precedent, about £250 for a complete set.

AMBER DAY Holdings Limited. Fashion stores and manufacturers of children's and ladies' clothing for mail order companies and multiple groups. Earnings up by £100,000 to record £750,000. Sales increase of £1,600,000 to £9,650,000. £1,250,000 invested in new factories and stores. Substantial increase in Sales in first four months of current year and healthy forward order book. Copies of the accounts can be obtained from The Company Secretary, Amber Day Holdings Limited 13 Poland Street, London W1V 3DE

APEX PROPERTIES LIMITED (Property Investment and Development) STRONG BALANCE SHEET. Substant points from the statement of Mr John de Vere Hunt, the Chairman, presented at yesterday's Annual General Meeting: INCREASED PROFITS Pre-tax profits increased from £125,366 last year to £153,258. A proposed final dividend of 0.836p makes a total of 1.536p for 1974, the maximum permitted. A first interim of 0.104p is declared for the current year. LIQUIDITY At a time when many companies are facing severe liquidity problems, I think it appropriate that I draw your attention to the strength of the balance sheet. Your company has not engaged in deficit financing, has no short term borrowings or bank overdrafts. Its current assets exceed current liabilities and long term loans are at interest rates ranging between 6 1/2 per cent and 7 1/2 per cent. APEX TOWER The rentals from Apex Tower became due for review in June, 1974 and the new rental values are now being negotiated. A substantial increase in rental income can be expected from this property when the counter-inflation measures permit.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Bid undervalues FMC capacity and lacks logic, NFU Trust told

More-than-doubled dividends, the high net asset value, and lack of commercial logic are the reasons behind FMC's rejection of the 65p-a-share cash offer from the NFU Development Trust.



Mr David Darhshire, chairman of the NFU Development Trust: Seeking remaining 60.9 per cent of FMC's largest wholesale meat group.

McInerney Properties lose on some UK deals

Additional provisions for losses on some local authority contracts in Britain have had to be made by Dublin-based McInerney Properties.

Stock markets

Further gentle rally carries share prices higher

The City swallowed the bitter pill of Labour's plan for the parliamentary session with little more than a passing grimace yesterday.

Some other heavy engineers ran into profit-taking at first, although most shares turned higher after the Queen's Speech.

The Queen's Speech reached the market, but losses of a penny or so were quickly recovered and by the close share prices were moving up again.

with market predictions—put the shares up to 27p, and strengthened other good shares.

47pc interim jump at Marshall's Universal

The share price of Marshall's Universal moved up 5p to 80p yesterday after a bright report from Mr. F. W. Harris, the chairman.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies. Company (and par value) Ord div Year ago date Total Year's Prev year

C H Beazer beats dividend forecast in record £1.6m

In common with most property companies, C. H. Beazer (Holdings) has been going through a lean time.

Bradford Prop moves to £1.2m

Against the trend, Bradford Property Trust reports a pre-tax profit for the opening half up from £18,000 to £122,000.

Issues & Loans

Chase in \$227m Zaire Euroloan

Chase Manhattan Ltd is arranging a \$227m syndicated loan for a copper project in Zaire.

Local authorities

The coupon on local authority yearling bonds has been fixed at 12.5 per cent with an issue price of par.

Bank of Ireland's £1m provision

Making a general provision of £1m because of the increasing threat to business enterprises from inflationary pressures.

Moderns agree Bond Worth bid

Bond Worth Holdings, of which Courtauld's holds 30 per cent, has come up with a surprise agreed bid for Moderna.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table with columns for STRAIGHTS, NON-S BOND, and various bond types with their respective prices and yields.

Big recording studio link-up

Chrysalis Records has acquired a majority stake in Mr. (Record Productions) London, which has an interest in the products of such artists as the Beatles, Tom Jones and Engelbert Humperdinck.

Pleasurama deal

Two property men have taken a 19.1 per cent stake in Pleasurama: Mr. Noel Miller-Cheevers and Mr. Grant Cameron-Wilkinson.

Wall Street

New York, Oct. 29—Wall Street prices, bonned ahead with the Dow Jones industrial average soaring 25.50 to 659.24.

Copper futures ease

New York, Oct. 29—COPPER futures fell around last close on 1000 points on the day ranged between 59.00 and 61.00.

Home Bros tumble

A severe deterioration in profits has taken place at Home Brothers, the family-owned furniture and home furnishings retailer.

Mauling for Nathan

Mid-year profits of furniture group B. & I. Nathan collapsed from £150,000 to £31,000, and the payment is slashed.

Cranleigh Group

Involving a substantial loss against bank values, the Cranleigh Group is curtailing activities of its investment and financial division.

Crown Agents up 30 pc

The Crown Agents announce an increase of over 30 per cent in their supply business for the opening nine months.

Business appointments

Mr Gerald Dennis has joined the board of British-American Tobacco.

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Canadian Prices

Table listing various Canadian commodities and their prices.

Esperanza Services advertisement featuring a globe and text about international services.

Esperanza Trade and Transport Limited advertisement with contact information.

ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA advertisement with financial details.

The Derbyshire Triple Gold advertisement with images of gold bars and promotional text.

Large advertisement for 'Makan al-Ahmel' featuring a map and text in Arabic.

Vertical advertisement on the right edge of the page, partially cut off, mentioning 'Bank B Rate' and other financial services.

MARKET REPORTS

Foreign Exchange

Dollar continues to weaken
The dollar continued to weaken on foreign exchange yesterday afternoon, suffering losses against...
Credit supply and demand balanced in the London market yesterday, and official intervention was not required.

Commodities

Fresh advance in sugar prices
There was no let up in the advance in London SUGAR prices yesterday and all positions made new peaks. The daily price was again raised by 11s to a record 2440 a long ton.

Discount market

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Money Market Rates

Table with columns for Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate, Treasury Bills, and various interest rates.

Share Indices

Table showing share indices for various markets including London, New York, and other international markets.

Spot Position of Sterling

Table showing spot position of sterling with columns for Bid and Offer rates for various currencies.

Forward Levels

Table showing forward levels for various currencies and time periods.

Bank Base Rates

Table showing bank base rates for various banks and financial institutions.

Authorized Unit Trusts

Table listing authorized unit trusts with columns for Name, Bid, Offer, and Yield.

Insurance & Offshore Funds

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Summary of Results

Table summarizing results for various companies and funds, including Group Profit, Group Sales, and Taxation.

Authority and Integrity

Authority and Integrity, the key words for Times Special Reports.

Times Special Reports

Times Special Reports section providing detailed analysis and news.

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Table listing recent issues of various publications and their prices.

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Secretarial and General Appointments

GENERAL GRADUATE GIRLS FASHION c £3,000 ADVERTISING c £3,000 CONTACT ANNA MOFFATT ON 584 3615 PERMANENT DIVISION Open till 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

STELLA FISHER IN THE STRAND Educated girls who are looking for permanent career work... STELLA FISHER BUREAU, 101 St. James, N.C.1.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT NO SHORTHAND DR AUDIO High young secretary set up new department in Hammonds Court, St. James, N.C.1.

ACCOUNTS GIRL/ GIRL FRIDAY/ TELEPHONIST My boss wants me to find my own professional career... STELLA FISHER BUREAU, 101 St. James, N.C.1.

ASSISTANT CASHIER With eight promotion prospects, aged 20-30, experience necessary... STELLA FISHER BUREAU, 101 St. James, N.C.1.

WOMAN'S REALM has an interesting vacancy for a senior cookery assistant... WOMAN'S REALM, 101 St. James, N.C.1.

WOMAN'S REALM require a Probationary Secretary... WOMAN'S REALM, 101 St. James, N.C.1.

PART OR FULL-TIME Young lady to assist in shop selling luxury gifts... WOMAN'S REALM, 101 St. James, N.C.1.

GENVA - interesting job running small printing office... GENVA, 101 St. James, N.C.1.

S.R.N. SECRETARY mornings only, excellent conditions... S.R.N., 101 St. James, N.C.1.

EXCITING CAR DEALERS in London, telephone interviews... EXCITING CAR DEALERS, 101 St. James, N.C.1.

INTERVIEW NEGOTIATOR - telephone interviews... INTERVIEW NEGOTIATOR, 101 St. James, N.C.1.

CREAT SHOP requires full time shop assistant... CREAT SHOP, 101 St. James, N.C.1.

DOVER COLLEGE requires a typing instructor... DOVER COLLEGE, 101 St. James, N.C.1.

Telephone Sales Trainer Boston, Massachusetts \$16,000... Market Research Executive Sheffield £2,000... woman in management limited... Opportunities for FEMALE PERSONNEL OFFICERS... THE TIMES

SECRETARIAL Institute of Nuclear Medicine The Middlesex Hospital Medical School SECRETARY/PERSONAL ASSISTANT

WEDNESDAYS WITH M & J M & J CHRISTINE WATSON M & J PERSONNEL 01-856 4737 M & J - The Carthy Way

Imperial College of Science and Technology Our very busy personnel section requires a SECRETARY FOR THE DEPUTY HEAD OF SECTION

THE LINEN SHOP Experienced enthusiastic manager required for exciting new exclusive linen shop opening in Mayfield

ADVERTISING AGENCY in pleasant suburb requires a Probationary Secretary

GIRL FRIDAY (£2,000 plus) Photographic organisation seeks energetic and attractive young lady to assist in sales department

SERVICES A beautiful winter job for a lady who is looking for a change

GIRLS WITH OR WITHOUT typing skills required for temporary office work

TEMPS Legal Secretaries to £2,500. Regular, varied and interesting assignments in the London area

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THE TIMES The Secretary of our Pension Funds needs a mature secretary to assist him in his duties

SECRETARIAL CAN YOU MANAGE ALFA ROMEO'S GENERAL MANAGER? He needs an experienced PA/SECRETARY URGENTLY

URGENTLY WANTED A LADY WITH THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTES: 1. Immaculate and fast shorthand typing. 2. Energetic imaginative lively pleasant to look at and listen to.

SECRETARY IN SHIPPING The newly appointed Finance Director of a well established Shipping Company off Fleet Street is seeking a young Secretary to help him in his job

IMPRINT YOURSELF on the Record Industry Large Printing Company, near London Bridge, is looking for a young, energetic, and ambitious woman to join its staff

WE HAVE TO REPLACE DEBBIE Our much loved secretary who has left to work abroad

CHAIRMAN OF CITY MERCHANT BANK requires Personal Secretary to assist in his duties

MAGAZINE PUBLISHER requires Secretary to assist in his duties

EXHIBITIONIST? This job in the P.R. Dept. of an Advertising Agency is for a lady who is looking for a change

A JOB TO SATISFY YOU? Director of Timber Division in London is looking for a lady to assist in his duties

BRIEF ENCOUNTER An Executive Secretary is sought by our client, an international business concern

CITY PA/SECRETARY £2,500 An Executive Secretary is sought by our client, an international business concern

RECEPTIONISTS STEP THIS WAY! We have a wide variety of interesting vacancies for ladies who are looking for a change

YE OLDE PUBLIC RELATIONS SHOPS are in the centre of London and are looking for ladies to assist in their duties

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST required for a lady who is looking for a change

SECRETARY PA preferably able to work in a busy office... SECRETARY PA preferably able to work in a busy office

PERSONNEL ASSISTANT/SECRETARY AGE 25 to 30 UP TO £2,500 A Personnel Assistant/Secretary is required to provide a full supporting service to the Personnel Manager

AUDIO-TYPIST required by firm of international surveyors in modern offices opposite Buckingham Palace

SECRETARY/P.A. Managing Director £2,332 P.A. RISING TO £3,615 AT CHRISTMAS

SECRETARY FOR BUSY SALES OFFICE W.I. Shorthand not essential for this interesting job in a busy office

W.I. MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS need PART-TIME "MOTHER HEN"

NEW YEAR Mature secretary required for a busy office in the City

WEDNESDAYS ARE FUN WHEN YOU'RE A KELLY GIRL TEMP!

YOUNGER SECRETARIES NOVEMBER OPPORTUNITIES Why not consider Publishing as a career?

FILM PRODUCTION W.I. A busy admin. job, which needs a lady who is looking for a change

DO YOU LOVE CHILDREN? Here's your chance to work with them

OWN EXECUTIVE SUITE - a 2nd floor office in a prime location

AN ENTERTAINING personality is what the owner of a P.A. is looking for

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Career position - opportunity for promotion and scope to use fluent French and German TRILINGUAL SECRETARY TO EUROPEAN SALES MANAGER

Friendly & Enthusiastic SECRETARY/PA required for Administrator of young charitable Housing Association

PA/SECRETARY A European oriented Trade Association with offices in Richmond seeks a P.A./Secretary to assist in organising and servicing meetings

PERSONNEL SECRETARY NO SHORTHAND Large International Textile Company in the West End is seeking a lady who is looking for a change

BERNARDINE BUREAU 55 New Street, London E.C.4

WANTED Office of wholesale and retail goods manufacturer seeking a lady who is looking for a change

MANAGING EDITOR OF WELL KNOWN PUBLISHING HOUSE requires well educated, cheerful lady who is looking for a change

SUSAN HAMILTON PERSONNEL 35 ST. GEORGE'S STREET, W.1

ALANGATE LEGAL SECRETARIES £1,450-£2,000 Commercial, Litigation, Court Proceedings, etc.

SECRETARY/PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO ASSIST FINANCIAL DIRECTOR of expanding group of companies in the City

P.A./SECRETARY for Chief Executive of large construction industry

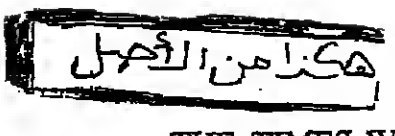
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Use this market place to recruit quality staff RING 01-278 9161



Appointments

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LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

ALANGATE LEGAL STAFF have been appointed to the office of the... (text continues with details of legal services)

ACCOUNTANCY

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT OVERSEAS TRAVEL

A well-established international company... (text continues with details of financial services)

BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT

part-time, suit retired person, good references essential.

QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

in demand throughout the U.K. for... (text continues with details of accounting services)

PUBLIC NOTICES

PRICE COMMISSION: The Price Commission has issued... (text continues with details of price control notices)

DOMESTIC SITUATIONS

AU PAIRS: 14th/15th, Nannies required for... (text continues with details of domestic help requirements)

DOMESTIC SITUATIONS

CHELSEA: PLEASANT JOB IN SMALL MODERN HOUSE... (text continues with details of domestic help requirements)

COOK/HOUSEKEEPER

Residential, 12-15 yrs. exp. in... (text continues with details of domestic help requirements)

MARY POPPINS

Two superb daughters, 12 and 6... (text continues with details of domestic help requirements)

EXCLUSIVE RESIDENTIAL

Experienced housewife... (text continues with details of domestic help requirements)

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

with experience and good references... (text continues with details of domestic help requirements)

AU PAIRS

14th/15th, Nannies required for... (text continues with details of domestic help requirements)

REQUIRED

2 YOUNG COORDINATE COOKS... (text continues with details of domestic help requirements)

MOTOR CARS

DAIMLER CHAIURS DAIMLERS... (text continues with details of car sales and services)

MOTOR CARS

JAGUAR XJ12L: auto, 'M' reg, green/matching interior... (text continues with details of car sales)

GRANADA GHIA COUPE: strto, reg no. SCD 999 N, only 1,200 miles... (text continues with details of car sales)

MASERATI BORA: 4.7 litre, R registered, two owner... (text continues with details of car sales)

NEW SCIMITARS AT PRE-INCREASE PRICES: GTE, operating very quiet, alloy wheels... (text continues with details of car sales)

CHIPSTEAD OF KENSINGTON NEW BMW: 309A, Metallic red with grey... (text continues with details of car sales)

DAIMLER SERIES II: A2 auto October 1973... (text continues with details of car sales)

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SITUATIONS WANTED

THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT: Australian chemical engineer... (text continues with details of job applications)

CHARMING, EXPERIENCED: 27th company director's secretary... (text continues with details of job applications)

CORON BLEU COOK WITH: professional experience, seeks exciting... (text continues with details of job applications)

CHALLENGING: 27th company director's secretary... (text continues with details of job applications)

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RENTALS

AROUND TOWN FLATS: 120 Holland Park Ave., W.11

ROLAND PARK: East studio flat for couple's home... (text continues with details of rental listings)

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FURNISHED PROPERTY: Hyde Park, W.2

HYDE PARK, W.2: Unfurnished self-contained... (text continues with details of rental listings)

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Broadcasting

Ringside view. Harry Carpenter reports on Foreman v Ali with pictures by satellite (BBC1 8.0). But there is also international soccer (BBC1 9.55) while the afternoon brings racing from Ascot (BBC2 1.50). The repeated Forsythe Saga is another marquee attraction (BBC1 3.5). Chronicle has a theory about a treasure discovered by a French village priest (BBC2 8.10). In the wake of a prize-winning programme Anglia's Survival series presents its own feature on the microscopic marvels of Nature (ITV 10.30). Then Patrick Moore brings us back to the larger view with The Sky at Night (BBC1 11.38).—L.B.

BBC 1

10.42-11.00 am, Yoo and Bec. 11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 11.25-1.00 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 1.00-1.15 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 1.15-1.30 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 1.30-1.45 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 1.45-2.00 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 2.00-2.15 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 2.15-2.30 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 2.30-2.45 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 2.45-3.00 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 3.00-3.15 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 3.15-3.30 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 3.30-3.45 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 3.45-4.00 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 4.00-4.15 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 4.15-4.30 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 4.30-4.45 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 4.45-5.00 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 5.00-5.15 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 5.15-5.30 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 5.30-5.45 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 5.45-6.00 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 6.00-6.15 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 6.15-6.30 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 6.30-6.45 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 6.45-7.00 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 7.00-7.15 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 7.15-7.30 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 7.30-7.45 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 7.45-8.00 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 8.00-8.15 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 8.15-8.30 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 8.30-8.45 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 8.45-9.00 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 9.00-9.15 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 9.15-9.30 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 9.30-9.45 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 9.45-10.00 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 10.00-10.15 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 10.15-10.30 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 10.30-10.45 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 10.45-11.00 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 11.00-11.15 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 11.15-11.30 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 11.30-11.45 pm, Rascals from Jeavan. 11.45-12.00 pm, Rascals from Jeavan.

BBC 2

12.00, Rainbow. 12.15 pm, Rupert Bear. 12.30, Soapods. 1.00, Like McGee. 1.15, News. 1.30, Lancelotti. 1.45, News. 2.00, Marked Personal. 2.30, Good Afternoon. 3.00, Critics of Fashion. 3.35, Jokers. 4.30, The Kids from 47A. 5.20, The Filoteos. 5.30, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Survival. 7.30, Coronation Street. 8.00, Man About the House. 8.30, Bootsie and Souge. 9.00, Police Story. 10.00, News. 10.30, The World You Never See. 11.30, Drive-In. 12.00, Conscience. Without Cuckoo, with Margherita Laski.

Radio

1.00 am, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00, News. 11.30, News. 12.00, News. 12.30, News. 1.00, News. 1.30, News. 2.00, News. 2.30, News. 3.00, News. 3.30, News. 4.00, News. 4.30, News. 5.00, News. 5.30, News. 6.00, News. 6.30, News. 7.00, News. 7.30, News. 8.00, News. 8.30, News. 9.00, News. 9.30, News. 10.00, News. 10.30, News. 11.00

